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YEARLY MEETING OF FRIENDS FOR NEW ENGLAND

10 mo. 1774 Acct. from Quarterly meeting respecting Building meeting house at Woonsocket

11 mo 1774 Report of Comt. respecting the same

12 mo 1775 Report of building comt. respecting the cost.

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6th mo 1763 At our Monthly meeting of Friends held in Smithfield the 30th of ye 6mo 1763 The meeting being Convened the Representatives were Jabes Wing & George Smith Present. The Comttee appointed to Confer with Joseph Sprague & His wife make Report that they have had a Conference with them. And Joseph Sprague owns that his Conduct has been such that he Dont desire to be Continued under our care. And his Wife says that she is Joined to another Society. But she still Desires to be under our Care if Friends are willing Therefore this Meeting Concludes and do hereby put them from under their Care This Meeting sent a few lines Signd by the Clerk to the Quarterly meeting of Ministers to be held at Newport Signifying their Unity with Hannah Laphams Coming forth in the Ministry The friends appointed to attend the Quarterly meeting are Uriah Mowry and Benjn Arnold The Queries was Read and answered in this meeting

7th mo D Mowry appeals At our Monthly Meeting of Friends held in Smithfield the 28th of ye 7th month 1763 The meeting being Convend The Repres were Thomas Steere and Jabes Wing Present, Daniel Mowry Junr Requests, (by writing) an appeal in the Case Relating Benjamin Arnold. And it is Refered to next mo ly Mg t. By Reason this meeting was thin, The Epistle from the last Quarterly Meeting was Read in this meeting, also we Recd Six printed Epistles from London one of which was read and the advice and Council there in Contained was well accepted.

8th mo At Our Monthly Meeting of Friends held in Smithfield the 25th of the 8th month 1763 The meeting Being Convend The Repres were John Smith & Adam Harkness Present, The Request of Daniel Mowry Junr is Still Referd to next Mo ly Mg t. By Reasons that friends are at a Loss Concerning his righte to an appeal This meeting Receivd an Epistle from Rhode Island Yearly Meeting & a Coppy of one from Philadelphia & a Coppy of one from Samt Esbourn and John Woolman all which was Read to Good Satisfaction

9th mo At our Monthly Meeting of Friends held in Smithfield the 29th of the 9th month 1763 The Meeting being convend the Repres were Benjamin Lapham & Jabes Wing Present, Seth Aldrich Junr and Mary Aldrich both of Uxbridge appeared in this meeting and declared their Intentions of Taking Each other in Marriage, And Seth Aldrich and Moses Farnum Junr are appoind to Inquire into his Clearness Concerning Marriage and to make Report to next Mo ly Mg t. The Matter Referd to this Meeting from last Mo ly Mg t Concerning Daniel Mowry Junrs appeal It is Concluded That said Mowry have an appeal according to his Request & Thos Steere Thos Lapham and Moses Farnum Junr are appointed to answer to Said Mowrys appeal in behalf of this Meeting, agreable to truth And Like wise they are appointed to attend the next Qur ly Meeting to be held on Rhode Island, and draw an Epistle to the same and Sign it in behalf of this Meeting Whereas the friends at Providence Request that a meeting may be held there Every first day of the week for the futer which is granted by this meeting Joseph Allen and Moses Aldrich are appointed to Inspect in to the Clearness of Edward Smith Concerning Marriage and make Report

Requested for a mg t Every first Day at Providence

1763 To next monthly meeting, said Smith had a Certificate from this meeting to Sandwich Monthly meeting That he was a Member of this Meeting

10th month At our Monthly meeting of Friends held in Smithfield the 27th of the 10th mo. 1763 The meeting being convend The Repr.s were Uriah Mowry & Thos Steere Present; The Comtee appointed to Inspect in to the Clearness of Seth Aldrich Jun.r in Respect of marriage make Report that they find Nothing to hender his Proceeding in marriage with Mary Aldrich, and They appearing in this Meeting Receivd their answer in order for taking each other in Marriage according to the good order of Friends, And Seth Aldrich & Moses Farnum Jun.r are appointed to se said Marriage accomplished. The Comtee appointed to Inspect into the Clearness of Edward Smith make Report that they find him Clear in that Respect. And this mgt Signd a Certificate for him to Sandwich Monthly meeting Signifying his Clearness as afore said, Uriah Mowry is appointed to make fires at this House for the Ensuing winter

11th mo. At our Monthly Meeting of friends held in Smithfield the 24th of ye 11 month 1763. The Meeting being Convend The Repr.s were Thomas Steere & Adam Harkness present Moses Farnum Jun.r one of the Comtee appointed to se the Marriage of Seth Aldrich Jun.r and Mary Aldrich accomplished Make Report that it was accomplished in Good Order This Meeting Signd a Certifycate to Almsbury Mo.ly Mgt for Elisabeth Southwick Daughter of Daniel Southwick Signifying their unity with Her Daniel Southwick the 3d Desired a Certificate from this Meeting to Signify his Clearness in respect of Marriage And Adam Harkness & Benja Buffum are appointed to Inspect into his Clearness as afore said, And make Report to next Monthly Meeting, This Meeting Concludes That a Meeting be held at Thos Laphams every other first day of the week for the winter Ensuing until the last of the Third month

Elis. Southwick Red a Certificate

12th month At our Monthly Meeting of Friends held in Smithfield the 29th of the 12 month 1763. The Meeting being Convend The Repr.s were Uriah Mowry and Thos Steere Present, The friends appointed to Inspect into the Clearness of Daniel Southwick ye 3d Respecting Marriage Make Report that they find nothing but that he is Clear in that Respect, and said Southwick had a Certificate to the Mo.ly Mgt at the Oblong of his Clearness in that Case Signd by the Clerk, This meeting Receivd a Certificate from the Mo.ly Mgt Held at Lynn Dated the 8th of the 12th month 1763. That Edwd Tillet Emmit was a Member of that Meeting and Recommending him to the care of this meeting, and this meeting accepted the same. This Meeting Receivd from Samuel Aldrich of Upton a Paper Craving Charity and this Meeting appoints Moses Farnum Jun.r And Peter

Daniel Southwick Red a Certificate

And Peter Aldrich to Inspect into his Circumstances, and make report to next Mo.ly Mg.t. William Arnold jun.r Returned the Certificate which this meeting gave him dated the 24th of the 6th month 1762 To the Mo.ly Mg.t at wrights Town in Pennsylvania. Answer to the Queries were brought from the Prep.s Mg.t Read and approved of by this Meeting and ordered to be sent up to the next Quarterly Meeting. Thomas Shere Uriah Mowry Jonathan Harris and Moses Farnum jun.r are appointed to attend the next Quarterly Meeting to be held at Newport and Draw an Epistle to the same and Sign it in behalf of this meeting. And also to Transmit the affair Concerning Daniel Mowrys appeal to said Quarterly Meeting

W. Arnold Return his Certi.

At our Monthly Meeting of Friends held in Smithfield the 26th of the first month 1764 The Meeting being Convened The Rep.s were Uriah Mowry and Jabes Wing present. The matter concerning Samuel Aldrich is Refer.d to our Next Mo.ly Mg.t. and the same friends are still Continued for to Inspect his Circumstances as were appointed at last Mo.ly Mg.t The Epistle from the last Quarterly Mg.t was Read in this mg.t and well accepted. John Medcalf of Bellingham and David Daniels of Mendon Both Requested at last Preparitive Meeting to be taken under the Care of this meeting which is Refer.d to our Next monthly meeting for further Consideration

first mo. 1764

Medcalf Daniels Request to be in unity

At our Monthly Meeting of Friends held at Smithfield the 23.d of the 2.d month 1764 The Meeting being Convened The Representatives were Uriah Mowry and Adam Harkness Present One of the Comtee appointed to Inspect into the Circumstance of Sam.l Aldrich Make Report that They find that he has some Estate left yet Therefore this Meeting Concludes not to Contribute any thing for him at Present. Nathan Comstock and Mary Staples appeared in this meeting and Declared their Intention of Taking Each Other in Marriage, Benj.a Arnold and Benjamin Slocum are appointed to Inspect into his clearness and Make report to next Mo.ly Mg.t The Request of John Medcalf and David Daniels was Considered in this Meeting and Uriah Mowry & Daniel Southwick are appointed to Discourse with them and make report to next Mo.ly Meeting

2.d month

At our Monthly Meeting of Friends held at Smithfield the 29th of the 3. month 1764 The meeting being convened The Rep.s were Jabes Wing & George Smith Present. The friends appointed to Inspect into the Clearness of Nathan Comstock Concerning marriage make report that they find nothing to hender His Proceeding in marriage with Mary Staples. Nathan Comstock appeared in this Meeting, and mary Staples being unwell sent in writing and desiring their answer in Order to proceed in marriage & likewise this meeting finds nothing to hender their Proceeding in marriage according to the Good Order of friends, and Uriah Mowry & Benj.a Arnold are appointed to see said Marriage accomplished & make report to next Monthly Meeting The Request of John Medcalf & David Daniels is Refer.d to next Mo.ly Mg.t. and the same friends Continued to Discourse with them and make report to nex Mo.ly meeting

3. month

Whereas Thomas

Whereas Thos. Lapham hath served as Clerk to this meeting for upwards of Twenty Years, mostly to the Satisfaction of the said Meeting, But now Desires to be dismist from that Service. He being considerably advanced in years, Therefore this Meeting Dismists Him there from, with Respects to him for serving us so long Gratis, And do appoint his son Thomas Lapham Junr. to Supply that place for the future And he being Present Consented to serve said meeting as Clerk, Daniel Southwick Informed this m.g.t of his Intention to travil East ward and according to his Desire Recd a Certificate Signifying to friends that way Our Unity with him & his Testamony, Stephen Aldrich sent a Paper to this meeting Confessing his fault in marrying out of Unity with friends, which acknowledgement is accepted for Satisfaction, Whereas Daniel Mowry Desired of this meeting an answer if they would or would not give him a Coppy of an Evidence Given by Benja. Arnold Suposed by Sd. mowry to be false, These are to Certifie that the Comtee appointed to Inspect into that affair had said Evidence no otherwise than by Promising to Return said Evidence to said B Arnold again Therefore this meeting Concludes that they cannot command said Evidence at Present

Thos. Lapham Junr. Chose Clerk

At Our Monthly Meeting held in Smithfield the 26th of ye. 4th month 1764.

4th month

The Meeting being Convened The Repr. were Uriah Mowry & John Smith Present. The friends appointed to see The marriage of Nathan Comstock & Mary Staples accomplished make Report That it was accomplished according to the good Order of Friends. The Request of John Medcalf & David Daniels is Referd and the same friends continued for further Conference with them and to make report to next Mo.ly m.g.t The Epistle from the last Quarterly meeting was read in this meeting and to good Satisfaction. Daniel Southwick acquainted this meeting that He Intends to Visit friends at Oblong and Nine partners, and Likewise Recd a Certificate Declaring our unity with him and his Testamony, This M.g.t Collected Eighteen pounds Old Tenor and paid Caleb Aldrich for making fires last winter at this House

D Southwick Recd a Certifi to Oblong

At Our Monthly Meeting of friends held in Smithfield the 31st of ye. 5th month 1764

The Meeting being Convend. The Repr. were Uriah Mowry & Jabes Wing Present The Comtee appointed to Confer with John Medcalf and D Daniels make Report that they have had a Conference with them and they think the Request of David Daniels is not worth any further Notice and the Request of Medcalf is Referd. to next Mo.ly m.g.t for further Consideration and the same friends with Moses Farnum Continued as a Comtee for further Conference & to make Report to next Mo.ly m.g.t, Joseph Eddy of Glocester Requested at Last Preparitive meeting to come under the care of Friends He not being Present at this meeting his request is Referd. to next monthly meeting

Joseph Eddy Requested to come into unity

At Our Monthly Meeting of Friends held in Smithfield the 28th of the 6th month 1764 The meeting being Convend The Repr were Adam Harkness and Jabes Wing Present, The matter Concerning John Medcalf is still Referd to next Mly meeting, The Comtee having had no Conference with Him and they not being fully Satisfied as to his Present Situation, The Request of Joseph Eddy being Considered the meeting appoints Thomas Steere Uriah Mowry and Moses Farnum a Comtee to Discourse with Him and make Report to next Mly Mgt, The Queries was Read and Answers made to the same in this meeting Uriah Mowry and Daniel Southwick are appointed to attend the next Quarterly meeting, This meeting adjourns to next fifth Day

The Meeting is in being according to adjournment this 5th day of the 7th month 1764 The Queries was Read and Answered in this meeting, And likewise an Epistle to the Qrly Mgt was Signed by the Clerk

At Our Monthly Meeting of Friends held in Smithfield the 26 Day of the 7th mo 1764 The Meeting being Convened The Repr were Adam Harkness and Joshua Lapham Present The Request of John Medcalf is still Referd to next Mly Mgt for further Consideration The Request of Joseph Eddy is referd to next Mly Mgt and the same Comtee Continued for further Conference with Him, This Meeting Recd Epistles one from the last Qrly Mgt held at Newport, a copy of one from the last Yearly meeting held at Newport, And a Printed one and a Copy of a Written one from London, and a Coppy of one from Philadelphia, all which was read to the Satisfaction and Comfort of this meeting, This meeting appoints Adam Harkness Moses Farnum Junr and George Smith a Comtee for giving Certificates to those of our Denomination who are Liable to be Troubled with Priests Taxes or taxes for the Building of meeting Houses

At Our Monthly Meeting of Friends held in Smithfield the 30th of of the 8th month 1764 ... The meeting being convend the Repr were Thomas Steere and Uriah Mowry Present ... The request of John Medcalf is still Refered to next Monthly Meeting for further consideration & the Same Comtee continued ... The Request of Joseph Eddy is still Referd to next Mly Mgt and the Same comtee continued — Our worthy friends Robert Willis and Marthew Franklen was at this meeting and their Service and Labour was Satisfactory to us — And likewise their Certificates was was read one from the Mlly Mgt of Friends at Woodbridge in New Jersey Dated the 16 of the 5th month 1764 Declaring their unity with our Said friend Robert Willis .. And the other from the Yearly Meeting at Flushing Dated in the 5 month 1764 Declaring their unity with our Said Friend Mathew Franklen —— Samuel Fowler brought

1764 A Certificate from Swanzy Monthly Meeting recommending him to us which Certificate is accepted —— There is a complaint brot. from the Preparitive meeting against Joseph Killey, for his Drinking Strong Drink to Excess —— Thos. Steere Uriah Mowry and Thos. Lapham are chosen a Comtee. to confer with Him on that account & make report to next monthly meeting ——

9th month At Our Monthly meeting of Friends held in Smithfield the 27th. of the 9th. month AD 1764. The meeting being convend. The Repr. were Uriah Mowry & Thos. Steere Present — The request of John Medcalf is Still referd. for further consideration, & the Same comtee. continued, and to make report to next mo. ly mgt —— The request of Joseph Eddy is Still Referd. and the Same Comtee. continued for further discourse with him, and to make report to next mo. ly mgt —— The Comtee. appointed to Discourse with Joseph Killey do make report that they have had some conference with Him, and he desires the affair to be Referd. and likewise it is referd. and the Same comtee. continued to make report to next mo. ly mgt — Stephen Kilton requested to at last preparitive meeting to come under the care of Friends. and Benja. Arnold & Stephen Sweet are appointed to confer with him and make report to next mo. ly mgt —— Abigail Harris (wife of David Harris of Smithfield) Sent a writing to this meeting desiring Friends to pass by her misconduct in marrying out of the good order of friends, and said acknowledgment is accepted for Satisfaction on that acct. —— The report of the Comtee. appointed to consider, what method to come into to git the names of the members of this meeting, was read and considered in this mgt. And it is concluded That Daniel Southwick Adam Harkness Moses Aldrich & Thomas Lapham Junr. take said report and make an amendment if they think proper. & make report to next mo. ly mgt The Friends appointed to attend the next Quarterly meeting are Uriah Mowry Thomas Lapham & Benjamin Arnold —— And the Queries was read and Answered in this meeting and likewise They are appointed to draw an Epistle to the Quarterly meeting & Sign it in behalf of this meeting

10 month At Our Monthly meeting of Friends held in Smithfield the 25th. of 9e. 10 month 1764 —— The meeting being convened the Repr. were Adam Harkness present — The request of John Medcalf is referd and the Same Comtee. Continued for further conferrence with him and to make report to next mo. ly mgt —— The Comtee. apponted to Discourse with Joseph Eddy make report that They appointed

Appointed to meet him at Eleazer Bullen and likewise they met accordingly and he not being there they had no conference with Him and the Comtee is still Continued and to make report to next Mcly Mgt — The affair against Joseph Hilley is Referred the Comtee not having any farther conference they are still continued to make report to next Mcly Mgt — The Comtee appointed to Discourse with Stephen Hilton make report that they find nothing to hinder his coming into unity with friends and likewise he is Receivd under the care of this meeting — The Comtee appointed to make an amendment in the report of the Comtee appointed to consider and to get the names of friends make report in Writing and it is referd to next Mcly Mgt for consideration Ebenezer Torrey Desired at last Proprtive Mgt to come under the care of this meeting and Smith and Moses Aubrich are appointed to Inspect into his Life and Conversation and make report to next Mcly Mgt Stephen Hilton Receivd a Certificate Directed to Kingston Mcly Mgt Signifying our unity with Him and he Desired a Certificate to Signify his clearness in respect of marriage and Benjamin Arnold and Wm Barker are appointed to Inspect into that affair and make Report to next Mcly Mgt.

11th month

At Our Monthly Meeting of Friends held in Smith fields the 29th of the 11th month A° 1764 The meeting being convend the Repr were Ulrich Henry not Present and Benjamin Lapham present — The request of John Russell is referd by reason the Comtee have not had any farther conference with him and they are still continued and to make report to next Mcly Mgt — The request of Joseph Hilley is referd and the Same Comtee Continued for farther Conference and to make report to next Mcly Mgt — The affair against Joseph Hilley is Referd and the Same Comtee Continued for farther conference and to make report to next Mcly Mgt — The report of the Comtee appointed to make an amendment in the report of the Comtee appointed to consider and to get the names of the members of this Meeting is concluded to be set aside — The Comtee appointed to Inspect into the life and conversation of Ebenezer Torrey do make report that they find nothing to hinder his coming under the care of friends and likewise he is accepted under the care of this meeting — The Comtee appointed to inspect into the Clearness of Stephen Hilton in respect of marriage do make report that they find nothing but that he is clear in that respect and likewise he Receivd a Certificate to the Mcly Mgt of Friends at Kingston Signifying his clearness as afore said Ebenezer Torrey and Mary Massey Declared their Intentions of taking each other in marriage and John Smith and Moses Aubrich are appointed to inspect into his clearness and make report to next Mcly Mgt

1764 Daniel Thompson receiv'd a Certificate to the m^o ly m^g t of friends at oblong and nine partners Signifying our unity with him.--- Edward Tillet Emmit Rec'd a Certificate to the Monthly meeting at Salem Signifying his orderly life & conversation while among us.——— The paper concerning gitting the names of friends, is reffer^d and John Smith Daniel Southwick Thomas Lapham Jabes Wing and Joshua Lapham are appointed to make amendment in said paper or point out away whereby the meeting may know who is under their care and Inspection, & make report to next m^o ly m^g t ---

E. T. Emmet Rec'd a Certifica

At our Monthly meeting of Friends held in Smithfield the 27th of 12th m^o 1764 The meeting convened the rep^rs were Joshua Lapham not present and Jabes Wing present.. This meeting not having the minutes of last m^o ly meet^g Concludes that all references from the last m^o ly m^g t be refer^d to next m^o ly m^g t, and the Same Com^tees to be continued for the purposes they were appointed for. The friends that was appointed to inspect into Ebenezer Torreys clearness in respect of marriage one being present made report that they found nothing to hender his proceeding in Marriage with Mary mussey, and Thomas Smith and Jabes Wing are appointed to See their said Marriage consumated according to the good order of friends, and make report to next m^o ly m^g t. The friends appointed to attend the next Q^rly meeting to be held, at newport are Rhode Island are Benjamin Arnold & Joshua Lapham, and draw an Epistle and Sign it in behalf of this meeting

1765 1st month

At our Monthly meeting of friends held in Smithfield ye 31st of the first month 1765. The meeting being convened, the repr^s were Thomas Steere not present, and Adam Harkness present we Rec^d an Epistle from the last Quarterly meeting which was read and to good Satisfaction.. This meeting Rec^d a Certificate from Dartmouth monthly meeting recommending Joseph Mosher and his family to the Care of this m^o ly m^g t which is accepted, This meeting being small by reason the day being so Stormy and not having the minutes from the Several m^o ly m^g t's back all the references is refer^d to next m^o ly m^g t. and the Com^ttees continued for the purposes they were appointed for and to make report to next m^o ly m^g t. Ezekiel Cumstock appeared in this meeting and desired a few lines by way of Certificate to Dartmouth m^o ly m^g t, and likewise it is granted, and the Clerk is to draw one and Sign it on behalf of this meeting.. and Lawrance Southwick Junr and Tho. Smith are to see into his clearness in in respect of marriage and to make report to next m^o ly m^g t. One of the friends appointed to See the marriage of Ebenezer Torrey consumated make report that they found nothing but that it was orderly accomplished

1765 At our monthly meeting of friends held in Smithfield the 28th of y.e 2d m.o 1765
2d month The meeting being conven.d the rep.rs were John Smith & Adam Harkness present.
The Com.tee appointed to discourse with John Medcalf make report that he concludes
to withdraw his request at present. The Com.tee appointed to discourse with Joseph
Eddy by the dificulty of Traviling have not discoursed any further with him Therefore
they are continued for that Service and to make report to next m.o ly m.g.t - - -
The Com.tee appointed to discourse with Joseph Hilley have not confer.d with him
by reason as above s.d Therefore they are Continued to discourse with him and to
make report to next m.o ly m.g.t The Com.tee appointed to inspect into the clearness
of Ezekiel Cumstock in respect of marriage make report that they donot find but
that he is clear of any engagement of marriage among us, and the Clerk is appoin-
ted to draw a Certificate for him to Dartmouth m.o ly m.g.t Signifying his Clear-
ness as aforesaid, and Sign it on behalf of this meeting. Tho. Lapham Jabes Wing
and Joshua Lapham Three of the Com.tee appointed to make an amendment in
the paper relating gitting the names of Friends make report in writing & it
is refer.d to next m.o ly m.g.t - - - - - - - -

At Our Monthly meeting of friends held in Smithfield the 28th of y.e 3d month
3d month 1765 - The meeting being conven.d Therep.rs were Tho. Steere and Moses Farnum
Present. - The Com.tee appointed to converse with Joseph Eddy have not discours.d
with him by reason that the day appointed for the Conference being very stormy - -
Therefore they are continued for that Service and to make report to next m.o ly m.g.t
One of the Com.tee appointed to discourse with Joseph Hilley makes report that
he had confer.d with him and that he gave him not Satisfaction for his out go-
ings. Therefore Thomas Steere Uriah Mowry & Moses Farnum jun.r are appoint.d
to draw a paper of denial against him and bring it to next m.o ly m.g.t
The matter relating gitting the names of friends is again refered for further con-
sideration and the Same Com.tee continued viz John Smith Daniel Southwick
Thomas Lapham Jabes Wing and Joshua Lapham to further consider & to make report to next m.o ly
meeting. - Paul Handy requested at last prep.rte m.g.t to come unde the care of
this meeting and he appearing in this meeting and still desiring as aforesaid. This
meeting appoints Uriah Mowry & Jabes Wing to discourse with him and make
report to next M.o ly meeting. This meeting collected fifty pounds old Tenor for
Jonathan Arnold Uriah Mowry & Thomas Steere are appointed to attend
the next Quarterly meeting on Rhode Island. The Queries was read and answer.d
in this meeting. And this meeting adjourns to the fifth day of next week.

1765 The meeting is in being again according to adjournment this 4th day of ye 4th month 1765. The Epistle to the Quarterly meeting was drawn and read & Sign^d by the Clerk in this meeting ---.

At our Monthly meeting of friends held in Smithfield the 25th of the 4th month 1765. The meeting being convened the rep^ts were Jabes Wing and Benjamin Lapham Present.- The request of Joseph Eddy is a gain refer^d by reason that the Com^tee Have not conversed with Him any further. And, Therefore they are continued for that Service and to make report to next m^o^ly m.g.t - The Com^tee appointed to draw a paper of denial against Joseph Killey have presented one and it is as Sign^d by in this meeting and Uriah mowry is appointed to Read the Same at the close of a publick meeting, and make report to next monthly meeting. The affair concerning getting the names of Friends belonging to this meeting by reason that the Com^tee not bringing a proper report they are still Continued. & Thomas Steere and Adam Harkness are added and to make report to next m^o^ly meeting --- The Com^tee appointed to confer with Paul Handy, make report that they have had a Conference and find nothing to hinder his being under the care of friends, Therefore he is accepted under the care of this meeting --- Ezekiel Comstock sent a paper to this meeting acknowledging his out goings in times past which is accepted for satisfaction on that acc^t --- The Epistle from the last Quarterly meeting was read in this meeting to good Satisfaction. This meeting paid Thomas Aldrich 20 pounds O.T. for building fires last winter at this House ---

At our Monthly meeting of friends held in Smithfield the 30th of ye 5th month 1765 — The meeting being convened the rep^ts were Thomas Steere and Jabes Wing present - The Com^tee appointed to converse with Joseph Eddy, having had no conference with him since our last m^o^ly m.g.t They are still Continued for to converse with him and make report to next m^o^ly meet^g Uriah Mowry made report that he read the paper of Denial against Joseph Killey at the close of several publick meetings, The Com^tee appointed to point out a method to find who are the proper members of this meeting have brought a report and it was read and approved of & ordered to be recorded in the begining of a book to record the births of friends and their Children in - This meeting Receiv^d a certificate from Sandwich mo^ly meeting Recommending Richard Killey and his wife to the care of this meeting which is accepted - Margaret Smith wife of George Smith requested in writing to come under the care of friends which was read and considered She is accepted under the care of this meeting. It being requested by Several friends near the old meeting House to have a meeting held there every first day of the week and it is Concluded to be so for the futer

765 At Our Monthly meeting of friends held in Smithfield the 27th Day of the 6th month 1765 — The meeting being convend. the repr. were John Smith & Adam Harkness present — The Comtee appointed to discourse with Joseph Eddy make report, that they have discoursed with Him and it was concluded by him & them best to drop said Eddy's request for the present which report is accepted — This meeting granted Daniel Cass a Certificate to visit friends at Salem and else where at the Eastward — — By a request from the last preparative meeting It is concluded that our Monthly meetings begin at the Eleven Hour for the future an Epistle to the Quarterly meeting with answers to the Queries was Signed by the Clerk in behalf of this meeting — And Daniel Southwick and Joseph Allen are appointed to attend the Same — — Our Friend Rober Willis from Newjersy was at this meeting and his Labour and Service therein was to good Satisfaction. And He Desired a few lines by way of certificate to carry back with Him and Thos. Steere & Moses Farnum Junr. are appointed to draw a few lines as afore said & bring to next mo.ly mgt — —

At Our Monthly Meeting of Friends held in Smithfield the 25th Day of the 7th Month 1765 — The meeting being Convend. The repr. were John Smith & Adam Harkness — Present — This Meeting Recd. Epistles one from our last Qu.ly Mgt and a printed one from London a Copy of one from our last Yearly meeting at Rhodesland & a Copy of one from the last yearly meeting at Flushing all which was read & to good Satisfaction — — Tho. Steere & Moses Farnum Junr. according to appointment have presented a few lines Signifying our unity with Robert Willes's Visits in our meetings & families which He pretty generally visited within the bounds of our mo.ly mgt. and it was Signd by a number of friends

At Our Monthly meeting of Friends held in Smithfield the 29th of ye 8 mo. 1765 — The meeting being convend. The Repr. were Jabes Wing and Joshua Lapham present — Moses Farnum and Daniel Southwick Recd. Certificates Signifying our unity with them and their Testamony To friends at Salem which was Signed by the Cerk in behalf of this mgt — The paper sent to last preparitve mgt by Benjamin Gaskill not being to satisfaction it is concluded to be returned to him again — — And Uriah Mowry and Jabes Wing are appointed to discourse with Him concerning his marrying out of the good order of friends and make report to next mo.ly mgt

At our Monthly meeting of Friends held in Smithfield 26th of the 9th mo. 1765 — The meeting being Conveened the Repns were Thomas Keere & Adam Harkness present. The Comtee appointed to Discourse with Benja Gaskill, Make report that they have Discoursed with Him, and He desires the matter may be continued for the present. And likewise it is concluded to be continued for the Present This meeting Recd a Certificate from Sandwich mly mgt Dated the 6th of ye 7 mo. 1765 — Recommending Annias Gifford with his wife and Family to the care of this meeting which is accepted —

Marcy Harris wife of Jabes Harris, Sent a paper to this meeting condemning her misconduct in marrying out of the good order Established among friends, and Desiring friend to pass by that and all other of her offences which was read and accepted for Satisfaction — The complaint against John Aldrich from the last prept mgt not coming orderly it is concluded to be dropt — Uriah Mowry and Ezekiel Comstock are appointed to take down the chimney belonging to this House and Rebuild it again — Gideon Harris Benj. Arnold and Thomas Lapham Junr are appointed to attend the next Qrly mgt

At Our monthly meeting of Friends Held in Smithfield the 31st of the 10th month 1765 — The Meeting Being Conveend the Repns were Jabez Wing and Benjamin Buffum present — The Epistle from the last Qrly Mgt was read and well accepted — There is a Complaint brought from last prepat Meeting against John Aldrich for his bad Language and Drinking to Excess — And Moses Farnum and Daniel Southwick and Uriah Mowry, are appointed to Discourse with Him, And make Report to next monthly meeting — Hannah Lapham Receivd a Certificate Signd by the Clerk, To Sandwich Quarterly meeting Signifying our Unity with Her and her Testamony — Uriah Mowry and Ezekiel Comstock, Exhibited an Account of pulling Down and Rebuilding the Chimney which amounts to Seven pounds & Sixteen Shillings Lawful Money, which is accepted —

Uriah Mowry is appointed to provide wood and build fires at this House for the winter Ensueing — Daniel Thompson Desires a few lines by way of Certificate to friends at the Oblong & Ninepartners to Signify his clearness in Respect of Marriage — Moses Farnum Junr and Adam Harkness are to Inspect into the Same and make Report to next mly mgt

At Our Monthly Meeting of Friends held in Smithfield the 28th of the 11th Month 1765 — The Meeting Being convend the Repr.s were Uriah Mowry and Thomas Steere present — A Coppy of an Epistle from Philadelphia Yearly meeting ~~Meeting~~ to our last Yearly Meeting at Newport was read and Accepted

The Comtee appointed to Discourse with John Aldrich make report that they have not had a full conference with Him, Therefore it is referd and the Same Comtee continued and to make Report to next Monthly meeting Daniel ~~Cattwick~~ Thompson Recd a Certificate to friends at Oblong and Nine partners Signifying his cleanes in respect of Marriage, which was Signd by the Clerk — Benjamin Cook requested at last Prept mgt to come under the care of Friends, and He appearing in this meeting and still requesting as afore Said — Thomas Steere and Uriah Mowry are appointed to Discourse with him and make report to next monthly meeting — The matter from last Prept concerning the Scandulous Story relating Jonathan Harris is taking notice of and Thomas Steere Benja Arnold and Uriah Mowry are appointed to Discourse with him and make Report to next Monthly Meeting — Jadediah Buffum Sent a paper to this meeting condemning his ~~misconduct~~ marrying out of the good order of Friends which was read and accepted as satisfaction

Samuel Aldrich Desired that this meeting would consent ~~that~~ to have a meeting House Built near his house and this meeting appoints Moses Farnum Thomas Steere and Adam Harkness, a Comtee to go and judge whether there is need of one, and if they think it on the best then to help them in finding a place for to set the Same, and make Report to next monthly meeting

At Our Monthly meeting of Friends held in Smithfield 4e 26 of 4e 12 Month 1765 The meeting being Convend the Repr.s are Uriah Mowry and Adam Harkness present — The Comtee appointed to Discourse with Benjan Cook make report that they have had a Conference with Him and find nothing to hender his coming under the care of friends, and likewise He is receivd under the care of this meeting — The Comtee appointed to Discourse with John Aldrich make report that they have Discoursed with Him and he talked of sending Somthing to this meeting, But nothing appearing from him the Same is referd to the next Monthly meeting — The Comtee appointed to Discourse with Jonathan Harris make report that they have had a Conference with Him and not being satisfied Relating the Scandulous Story But He appearing in this meeting and Desiring friends to wait Therefore it is referd to Next mly mgt

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The Com.tee appointed upon Samuel Aldrichs request concerning Building a meeting House - not having been upon said Business it is Refer.d to next Monthly meeting. and Uriah Mowry is Added to said Com.tee and then to make Report — The Queries was read in this meeting and Answered and an Epistle to the Quarterly meeting was Drawn and Sign.d in this meeting by the Clerk - Moses Farnum Jun.r and Thomas Lapham Jun.r are appointed to attend the next Quarterly Meeting — —

At Our Monthly meeting of Friends held in Smithfield the 30.th of 9.d first month 1766 - The meeting being conveend the rep.ts were Thomas Steere and Uriah Mowry Present - The Epistle from the last Quarterly meeting was read & to good Satisfaction - The matter against John Aldrich is again refer.d Because he sent a paper to this meeting, which was not Satisfactory, and the Same Com.tee Still continued for further Labour with him and make report to next m.ly m.g.t — The Com.tee appointed upon Sam.l Aldrich's Request Concerning building anew meeting House, Not having been on s.d Business by Reason of bad weather it is Refer.d and the Same Com.tee Continued to make report to next m.ly m.g.t - Moses Aldrich and George are appointed to repair Attendon meeting House — — —

At OUR monthly meeting of Friends held in Smithfield the 27.th Day of the 2.d month 1766. The meeting being conveen.d ther rep.ts were Uriah Mowry and John Smith present - This meeting Rec.d a Certificate Recommending Amey Handy to the care of this meeting which was read and accepted - The matter against John Aldrich is again Refer.d - The Com.tee not having had any further Conference with him They are still continued for that Service and to make report to next m.ly m.g.t — Nothing further appearing from Jonathan Harris, that matter is refer.d - and the Same Com.tee continued for further Labour with him and make report to next m.ly m.g.t — The Com.tee appointed concerning building a meeting house make no report - Because Samuel Aldrich Requested the same to be refer.d till next m.ly m.g.t — Benj.a Gaskill sent a paper to this meeting condemning his marrying out of the good order established among friends which is accepted for Satisfaction on that acc.t

At Our Monthly meeting of Friends held in Smithfield the 21.st of the 3 month 1766. The meeting being conveen.d The Rep.ts were Thomas Steere & John Smith Present - The Com.tee appointed to Discourse with John Aldrich make Report that they have had a Conference with Him

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And he seems to condemn his out goings & likewise has sent a paper to this meeting which is refer.d to next m.ly m.g.t for consideration.
Nothing further appearing from Jonathan Harris that matter is refer.d and the same Com.tee Continued for further Labour with him and to make Report to next m.ly m.g.t.

The matter concerning building a new meeting House is again Refer.d till next m.ly m.g.t for further consideration, — The Queries was read and answer.d in this meeting — Ulriah Mowry Benj.a Slocum & James Cumstock are appointed to attend the next Q.rly m.g.t. And also an Epistle there unto was drawn and Sign.d in behalf of this meeting by the Clerk. —

At Our Monthly meeting of Friends held in Smithfield the 24.th of the 4.th month 1766 The meeting being Convened the Rep.ts were Jabez Mowry & Joshua Lapham present. Stephen Swett who was formerly Denied by friends Sent a paper to this meeting Condemning his mis-Steps & desiring friends to pass it by which is accepted for Satisfaction, and he restored into membership with us again

The above Stephen Swett, and Hannah Buffum, appeared in this meeting and Declar.d their Intentions of taking eachother in marriage — And Benj.a Arnold and Benj.a Slocum are appointed to see into his clearness in Respect of marriage & make report to next m.ly m.g.t — The matter against John Aldrich is Refer.d till next m.ly m.g.t for further Consideration — The matter against Jonathan Harris is Reffer.d and the same Com.tee Continued for further Labour with Him and to make Report to next m.ly m.g.t — The Com.tee appointed concerning Building a new meeting House in Uxbridge make Report y.t they think it proper that a meeting House be built there and said report is accepted, And Moses Sarsum jun.r & Moses Aldrich are appointed to procure a Suitable piece of Land to set said House on, and make report to next m.ly m.g.t

At Our Monthly meeting of Friends held in Smithfield the 29.th Day of the 5.th month 1766. The meeting being convened, The Rep.ts are John Smith and Ebenezer Gaskill present The Epistle from the last Q.rly m.g.t was read & kindly accepted — Benjamin Arnold one of the Com.tee to Inspect the Clearness of Stephen Sweet respecting marriage Do report that he with the other appointed have Inspected the same and find nothing to hender his Proceeding in marriage with Hannah Buffum, and they appeared in this meeting and Requested their answer which was granted; and Daniel Southwick & Adam Harkness are appointed to se the marriage accomplished, and make report to next M.ly M.g.t

John Aldrich sent a paper to last M.ly meeting which was considered in this meeting, And accepted for Satisfaction for his out goings, and Ulriah Mowry is appointed to read it after a Publick meeting next fifth Day at this House, and make Report to next m.ly m.g.t

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The matter against Jonathan Harris is again Refer'd by his Request and the same Com^tee Continued for further Labour with Him and make Report to next m^ly Meeting —— Moses Farnum Junr & Moses Aldrich who were appointed to procure a Deed of a peice of Land to build the meeting House on at Uxbridge have procured one which is accepted — This meeting Collected 22 pounds Old Ten^r and paid Thomas Aldrich in full for building fires last winter, at this House. Samuel Aldrich, Moses Aldrich, and Moses Farnum Junr are appointed to over see the building of the meeting House at Uxbridge.

At Our Monthly meeting of Friends held in Smithfield 1st 26th day of 4th month 1766 The meeting being convee^d The Rep^ts are Uriah Mowry & Jabez King Present — Daniel Southwick one appointed to see the marriage of Stephen Sweet & Hannah Buffum accomplished, makes Report that the same was accomplished Decently according to the good order of friends — Uriah Mowry makes Report that he read John Aldrich's paper according to appointment ——

Jonathan Harris sent a Paper to this meeting which was Read and Refer^d also the same Com^tee still Continued for further Labour with Him until next m^ly m^tg

This meeting Rec^d a Certificate from Dartmouth m^ly m^tg. Recommending Mary Comstock to the care of this meeting, which was read & accepted The Queries was Read in this meeting and answers composed: And an Epistle to the next Q^ly meeting was Sign^d in behalf of this meeting by the Clerk; And Moses Farnum and Moses Farnum Junr are appointed to attend said Q^ly meeting.

At Our Monthly meeting of Friends held in Smithfield the 31st Day of the 7th month 1766 The meeting being Convee^d, the Rep^ts are Thomas Steere & Adam Harkness Present — The matter against Jonathan ~~Harkness~~ Harris is again Refer^d And the same Com^tee still Continued for further Labour with Him and make Report to next m^ly m^tg — We Rec^d the Epistle from the last Q^ly meeting which was Read and well accepted. Also a Transcript of the Epistle from the last Yearly meeting at Rhode Island, — One printed one and one written one from London, also Transcripts of two from Philadelphia & one from Nantucket, all which was Read & well accepted. also Rec^d a Certificate from Swanzey m^ly m^tg Recommending Elizabeth Bowen to the care of this meeting which was Read and accepted — The business from ye Prepar^ty meeting Concerning shingling this meeting House, was Considered and thought Proper to be Done and make new seats in the Galery. And Edmund Arnold and Ezekiel Comstock are appointed to do the same.

At Our Monthly meeting of Friends held in Smithfield the 28th of ye 8th month 1766, The meeting being conveen^d the Rep^ts are Jabez Wing & Moses Farnum Junr, Present — The matter against Jonathan Harris is again Refer^d by Reason the Com^tee have not had any further Labour with Him, Therefore they are still Continued to further Labour with him and make Report to next m^o ly m.g.t — Daniel Southwick Rec^d a Certificate from this meeting to friends, at Oblong & Nine partners in order to pay them a Visit which was sign^d by a number of Friends — And Likewise Moses Farnum Junr Rec^d a Certificate to friends in the Governments of New York, the Jerseys, and Pensylvania in order to pay friends a Visit in them parts, which was sign^d by the Clerk.

At Our Monthly meeting of Friends held in Smithfield ye 25th of ye 9th month 1766. The meeting being conveen^d. The Rep^ts are Adam Harkness & Jabez Wing Present — The affair concerning Jonathan Harris is again Refer^d and the same Com^tee Continued and to make Report to next m^o ly m.g.t: The Queries were Answered, and an Epistle to the Qu^rly meeting was Drawn and Sign^d in ours^d meeting by the Clerk: And Benjamin Arnold & Jabez Wing are appointed to attend the said Q^rly M.g.t.

At Our Monthly meeting of Friends held in Smithfield ye 30th of ye 10th month 1766. The meeting being Conveen^d — The Rep^ts are Uriah Mowry & Ebenezer Gaskill Present — The affair concerning Jonathan Harris is again Refer^d and the same Com^tee Continued, and to make report to next m^o ly m.g.t. By a Request from Eunice Goldthwait this meeting granted her a Certificate to friends at Salem Signifying her orderly life & Conversation & Clearness in Respect of marriage among us. The Epistle from the last Q^rly M.g.t was read and to good satisfaction. Moses Alerich and George Smith Exhibited an acc^t of the Cost of Repairing Mendon meeting House which amounted to £27..6..4..1 Lawful money. — —

At Our Monthly meeting of Friends held in Smithfield the 27th of the 11th month 1766 The meeting being Conveen^d the Rep^ts are Thomas Steere & Jabez Wing Present The affair against Jonathan Harris is again Refer^d — And the former committee having had several conferrences with Him; and not finding things to their Satisfaction This meeting Dismises them; and appoints Daniel Southwick, Adam Harkness & Moses Farnum Junr to further Labour with Him and make report to next m^o ly m.g.t. By a request of Daniel Cass and others under the care of Friends: This meeting appoints a meeting for Publick worship to be held every first Day of the week in the Town of Richmond in the Province of New Hampshire.

At Our Monthly meeting of Friends held in Smithfield the 25th of ye 12th month 1766 — The meeting being Conveen^d the Rep^ts are Jabez Wing & Benj^a min Lapham Present The Com^tee appointed to Labour with Jonathan Harris made report that they had an oppertunity with Him and found him in a good disposition of mind and his discourse with them was Satisfactory; but he Desired the matter might be refer^d to next m^o ly m.g.t. and it is Refer^d accordingly to y^t time: and the same Com^tee Continued and to make Report then.

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The Queries was Read and Answered & an Epistle to the Qly meeting was drawn and Signed in this meeting by the Clerk, And John Farnum & Moses Farnum junr are appointed to attend said Qrly meeting.

At Our Monthly meeting of Friends held in Smithfield the 29th of 5th month 1767. The meeting being conveen. The Repts are Uriah Mowry & Adam Harkness Present. The affair Concerning Jonathan Harris is again referd for further consideration and the same Comtee Continued, and to make report to next mly mgt. Samuel Aldrich, Moses Aldrich & Moses Farnum Junr Exhibited an account of the Cost of Building Uxbridge meeting House, amounting to £70. 16s 8d Lawful which acct is accepted.

At Our Monthly meeting of Friends held in Smithfield the 26th of 4th month 1767. The meeting being Convend, The Repts are Uriah Mowry & George Smith Present. Daniel Southwick one of the Comtee appointed to Labour with Jonathan Harris, makes Report that he hath had an opportunity with him and he seemd in a good disposition of mind at yt time, But that affair is again referd again by reason, yt some friends are not satisfyed with his conduct in his family. And the same Comtee Continued to further Labour with Him & make Report to next mly meeting. We Receivd the Epistle from the last Qrly Meeting which was read and well accepted. Moses Allen sent an acknowledgment to this meeting condemning his misconduct with Deborah wood, which paper is referd to next mly meeting for consideration, and George Smith is appointed to read said paper after a first day meeting at mendon & make report to next mly mgt.
This meeting gave an order to George Aldrich to pay the sum of forty pounds which was given by Rachel Thayer in her last Will towards building a meeting House at Uxbridge, to the Comtee appointed to build said House.

At Our Monthly meeting of friends held in Smithfield the 26 Day of the 3d month 1767 The meeting being Conveend. The Repts were John Smith & Uriah Mowry Present. The Comtee appointed to Labour with Jonathan Harris make Report that they have had a Conference with him, and that he seems to condemn what misconduct hath been in his family, which gave them Satisfaction on yt acct. The paper that he sent to this mly meeting in the 6th mo. 1766 which has been Referd to this time, was read and accepted for Satisfaction, and Benja Arnold is appointed to read said paper at the Close of a Publick meeting and make Report to next Monthly meeting. The paper referd from last mly mgt Concerning Moses Allen's misconduct, Report being made yt it was Read by George Smith agreable to appointment, was again read and accepted for Satisfaction on acct of his misconduct therein mentioned. Richard Killey sent to this meeting desiring a Certificate to Sandwick Mly mgt, And John Smith and Adam Harkness are appointed to Inspect his affairs and make report to next Mly mgt.
And Benja Slocum & Moses Farnum Junr are appointed to attend the next Qrly meeting, and an Epistle with answers to the Queries was drawn and Signd in behalf of this meeting by the Clerk.

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By a Request in writing from Hannah Cass ~~in writing~~ (wife of Nathan who mov^d from these parts to the Nine partners) This meeting gave a few lines Recommending her to the m^o.ly meeting in them parts, which was Sign^d by the Clerk.

At Our Monthly meeting of Friends held in Smithfield the 30th of the 4th month 1767 The meeting being conveen^d the Rep^rs are Adam Harkness & Jabez Wing Present. — Benj^a Arnold makes Report y^t he read the paper concerning Jon^a Harris according to appointment. — John Smith & Adam Harkness makes Report that they have made Inquiry Concerning Richard Killey, and find nothing to hender his having a Certificate — Therefore this meeting granted one for him and his wife to Sandwich m^o.ly m.g.t which was Sign^d by the Clerk. — By the Request of some friends belonging to Providence this meeting appoints two meetings to be held there every first day of the week the forenoon meeting to begin at the 10th Hour. and the other at the 2^d Hour in the after noon.

At Our Monthly meeting of Friends held in Smithfield ye 28th of ye 5th month 1767 The meeting being Conveen^d. The Rep^rs are Uriah Mowry & Thomas Steere Present. Whereas Edmund Arnold and Ezekiel Comstock was appointed to shingle woonsoaket Meeting House, They having presented an acc^t of the same, And Edmund Arnold and Some others have given the whole cost as mentioned in said acc^t which is accepted and ordered to be lodged with the Clerk. — Whereas Rachel Thayer ~~did~~ Late of mendon Decass^d did in her last Will and Testament give forty Pounds to the m^o.ly m.g.t of Friend at Smithfield to be Expended in building a meeting House in Uxbridge; And Luke Aldrich Samuel Aldrich and George Smith being appointed Trustees in said Will for said M^o.ly meeting; Therefore this meeting orders said Trustees to pay the said sum of forty Pounds to Samuel Aldrich Moses Farnum Junr and Moses Aldrich (who was appointed to build said House) and take their Receit. —

At Our Monthly Meeting of Friends held in Smithfield the 25th of the 6th month 1767: The meeting being conveen^d. the Rep^rs are Thomas Steere & Adam Harkness Present. The Queries was answer^d and an Epistle to the next Q^r.ly Meeting was Drawn & Sign^d in behalf of this meeting by the Clerk. And Thomas Steere Daniel Southwick Moses Farnum Junr & Thomas Lapham Junr are appointed to attend said Q^r.ly meet^g. Our friend Nathaniel Greene was at this meeting, and his counsel and Advice was well accepted The paper sent to last Prepar^tive meeting by Sarah Read Daughter of Jon^a Read was Read and carried to the womens meeting for them to act upon. —

At Our Monthly meeting of Friends held in Smithfield the 30th Day of ye 7th month 1767, The meeting being Conveen^d The Rep^rs are Uriah Mowry & Jabez Wing present. Moses Allen and Comfort Buffum appeared in this meeting and Declared their Intention of taking each other in marriage; and Ebenezer Gaskill and George Smith are appointed to Inquire into his Clearness in that Respect, and make Report to our next m^o.ly meeting. We Rec^d Epistles, one from last Q^r.ly meeting; Transcript of one from the last yearly meeting at Rhode Island & the Printed one from London which were Read and to good Satisfaction.

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At Our Monthly meeting of Friends held in Smithfield ye 27th of ye 8th month 1767. The meeting being conveen.d The Rep.rs are Jabes Wing Present & Adam Harkness not Present. — Ebenezer Gaskill ang George Smith Do make Report yt they find nothing to hender Moses Allen proceeding in marriage with Comfort Buffum. And Moses Farnum & Daniel Cass Signifyed that it was on their minds to visit friends at the Eastward, Therefore this meeting gave each of them a Certificate which was Sign.d by the Clerk.

At Our Monthly meeting of Friends held in Smithfield ye 29th of ye 9th month 1767 The meeting being Conveen.d The Rep.rs are Uriah Mowry and Thomas Steere Present. — George Gaskill and Sarah Read appeard in this meeting and Declared their Intentions of taking Each other in marriage & Moses Aldrich & George Smith are appointed to Inquire into his Clearness in that respect & make report to next M.ly meet.g — The Queries was Read & answered, and an Epistle to the next Qu.rly meet.g was sign.d in this meet.g by the Clerk — And Thomas Steere Nehemiah Shearman & Thos Lapham Jun.r are appointed to attend the ~~next~~ said Q.rly m.g.t. — —

At Our Monthly meeting of Friend held in Smithfield the 29th of the 10th month 1767. The meet.g being Conveen.d The Rep.rs are Thomas Steere and Ebenezer Gaskill Present. Moses Aldrich & George Smith do make that ye they find nothing to hender George Gaskill from Proceeding in marriage with Sarah Read. And Likewise they appeared & Rec.d their answer in order for marriage. and Moses Farnum and Daniel Southwick are appointed to se ye same accomplished & make Report to next M.ly m.g.t. And Moses Allen & Comfort Buffum appear.d in this meet.g & Rec.d their answer in order for marriage: and Lawrance Southwick Jun.r & Benj.a Buffum are appointed to se ye same accomplished & make Report to next M.ly meet.g. The Epistle from the last Q.rly m.g.t was Read and kindly accepted. This meeting gave a Certificate to Hannah Lapham to visit sandwich Q.rly meet.g which was sign.d by the Clerk.

At Our Monthly meeting of Friends held in Smithfield ye 26th of ye 11th month 1767. The meeting being Conveen.d The Rep.rs are Uriah Mowry & Adam Harkness Present. Moses Farnum & Daniel Southwick makes report yt ye marriage of George Gaskill was Accomplished in an orderly manner. — Lawrance Southwick Jun.r & Benj.a Buffum Do report yt ye marriage of Moses Allen was Consumated in an orderly manner. — This meeting appoints — Benj.a Cook to provide wood and build fires at this House for the ensuing winter

Whereas there ~~was there~~ was a Complaint made at last Prep.r two meet.g against Jonathan Buffum of Richmond concerning ~~for~~ his having being too familiar with his wifes Sister

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Whereby she is big with Child & Uriah Mowry & Benja Buffum having Discoursed with him, and he not clearing up the report But chose friends should Deny him. But this meeting refers the same to next mly meetg, for Consideration

At Our Monthly meetg of Friends held in Smithfield the 31st Day of ye 12th month 1767 The meeting being conveend the Repres are Thomas Steere & Adam Harkness Present. Nathaniel Taft & Hannah Cass appeared in this meeting and declared their Intentions of marriage; and the said Nathaniel Taft Desired to be accepted into member ship with friends. And Moses Farnum Junr & Benja Buffum are appointed to Discourse with him in that Respect: as well as his Clearness in respect of marriage & make Report to next mly meetg. The affair of Jona Buffum being again Considered. this meeting concludes to put him from their care, and deny to have any further unity with Him until an Acknowledgment be made to the satisfaction of Friends. and likewise a paper Drawn setting forth his misconduct & Signd by a number of Friends: and Moses Farnum Junr is appointed to Read it after a Publick meeting of Friends: and a Copy there of to be sent to Richmond, in order to be read there after a Publick meeting of friends

The Queries was answered & an Epistle to the next Qrly meetg was Signd in this meeting by the Clerk. and Benja Arnold, Benjamin Stowm, and Jabez Wing are appointed to attend said Qrly meeting. - -

At Our Monthly meetg of Friends held in Smithfield the 28th of ye 1st month 1768. The meetg being conveend, The Representves are Thos Steere & Uriah Mowry 1768 Present. Moses Farnum Junr & Benja Buffum do make report yt they have Discoursed with Nathaniel Taft, and they find nothing to hender his being accepted under the care of Friends - and likewise yt they find nothing to hender his proceeding in marriage with Hannah Cass and They appearing in this meeting & Recd their answer in order for marriage. Provided he gets a few lines from his father Signifying his consent there unto before marriage, and Daniel Southwick & Moses Farnum are appointed to se sd marriage Consumated & make report to next mly meetg. Jacob Aldrich & Hannah Brown appeared in this meeting and Declared their Intentions of marriage. And Moses Farnum & Daniel Southwick are appointed to Inquire into his Clearness in that Respect & make Report to next mly mgt Moses Farnum Junr doth report that ye Denial of Jonathan Buffum was read according to appointment. - The Epistle from the last Qrly meetg was read and well accepted.

At Our Monthly meetg of Friends held in Smithfield the 25th Day of the 2d month 1768. The meeting being Conveend The Repres are Moses Farnum & Adam Harkness Present. Daniel Southwick & Moses Farnum do make Report yt ye marriage of Nathaniel Taft was Consumated in an orderly manner. And yt they have Inquired into the Clearness of Jacob Aldrich in Respect of marriage. And find nothing to hender his Proceeding in marriage with Hannah Brown: and they appeard in this meetg & Recd their answer in order for marriage: And Benja Arnold & Thomas Lapham are appointed to se said marriage Consumated and make report to next mly meetg. And Paul Upton & Phebe Smith appeard in this meeting & Declared their Intentions of taking each other in marriage. and his Certificate from ye mly mgt at ye Nine partners was Read which Signifyed his Clearness in Respect of marriage. Whereas there was a Complaint brot to last Prepntive by B. Arnold & Ezl Comstock mgt against Jona Harris for abusing his wife in an unseemly manner and he appearing in this meetg & not Denying said fact this meetg appoints. Thos Steere Moses Farnum & Benja Arnold to Labour with Him and make report to next mly meetg.

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At Our Monthly meeting of Friends held in Smithfield ye 31st of the 3d month 1768. The meeting being Conveen.d The Rep.ts are Uriah Mowry & Thomas Steere Present Thomas Lapham & Benj.a Arnold do report ye the marriage of Jacob Aldrich, was accomplished in an orderly manner. The Com.tee appointed to discourse with Jon.a Harris, do make report ye they have Discoursed with Him, and He desires ~~friends~~ the affair to be continued. Therefore it is Refer.d to next m.ly meeting. The Queries was answer.d and an Epistle to the next Q.ly meet.g was sign.d by the Clerk in this meeting — and Tho.s Steere & Uriah Mowry are appoint.d to attend said Q.ly meet.g. Paul Upton & Phebe Smith appear.d in this meet.g and Rec.d their Answer in order for marriage, & Ebenezer Gaskill & Moses Aldrich are appointed to see said marriage Confumated and make report to next m.ly meeting.

At Our Monthly meeting of Friends held in Smithfield the 28th of ye 4th month 1768. The meeting being conveen.d. The Rep.ts are Adam Harkness & Jabez Wing Present. Jon.a Harris appear.d in this meeting and desired friends to wait Longer. Therefore this meeting refers the same till next M.ly meet.g. Ebenezer Gaskill & Moses Aldrich do Report ye ye marriage of Paul Upton was Confumated in an orderly manner — The Epistle from ye last Q.ly Meeting was read and kindly accepted. David Buffum sent a Paper to this meeting Condemning his marrying contrary to the good order of friends which is accepted for Satisfaction on yt acc.t.

At Our Monthly meeting of Friends held in Smithfield ye 26th of the 5th month 1768. The meeting being Conveen.d The Rep.ts are Tho Steere Present & Daniel Southwick not Present. The affair Concerning Jon.a Harris is Refer.d to next m.ly meet.g.

At Our Monthly meet.g of Friends held in Smithfield the 30th of ye 6th month 1768. The meeting being Conveen.d The Rep.ts are Adam Harkness and Nathaniel Gilson Present. The affair Concerning Jon.a Harris is again Refer.d to next M.ly meet.g by reason some friends thought it best to wait Longer. The Queries was answer.d and an Epistle to the next Q.ly meet.g was sign.d in this meet.g by the Clerk. and Jabez Wing & Nehemiah Shearman are appointed to attend said Q.ly m.g.t. Nathan Harkness sent a paper to this meeting Condemning his going out in marriage and other Indecient behaviour which is acc.pt.d for Satisfaction. This meeting Collected forty one Shillings & ~~paid~~ Deliver.d Nathaniel Gilson to pay Joseph Bartlet for wintering Jacob Bartlets Cow. —

At Our Monthly meet.g of Friends held in Smithfield the 28th of ye 7th month 1768. The meeting being Conveen.d. The Rep.ts are Thos Steere & John Smith Present — Jon.a Harris appear.d in this meeting & desired friends ~~not~~ to Refer the affair against Him. Therefore it is Refer.d till next M.ly m.g.t. Rec.d Epistles one from the last Q.ly meet.g. and a Printed one & a Transcript of one from London and a Transcript of one from Philadelphia. which were read and to good Satisfaction. This meeting gave a Certificate to Phebe Upton, Wife of Paul Upton

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Recommending her to friends at Oblong. And gave a Certificate Recommending Hannah Smith to friends at Rhode Island, both which were sign^d by the Clerk. This meeting Collected 12/ and Paid to Benj^a Cook in ful for building fires at this House last winter.

At Our Monthly of Friends held in Smithfield the 25th of ye 8th month 1768. The meet^g being Conveen^d The Rep^rs are Uriah Mowry & Tho. Steere Present. The affair concerning Jon^a Harris is again Refer^d & Daniel Southwick and John Smith are appointed to Labour with him & make report to next m^ly m^gt and if they find him not in a Disposition to make friends satisfaction y^t they Prepare a few lines in order to disown him & bring to next m^ly meeting and inform him thereof. Our friend Thomas Carlton was at this meeting on a Religious visit and his Certificate from ye m^ly m^gt held at Kennet in the County of Chester in Pensylvania Dated ye 12th 5mo 1768 was Read. which together with his Labour of Love amongus was kindly accep^d.

At Our Monthly meeting of Friends held in Smithfield the 29th of the 9th month 1768 The meet^g being Conveen^d The Rep^rs are Jabez Wing Present & Adam Harkness not Present. Daniel Southwick one who was appointed to Labour with Jon^a Harris makes report y^t he with John Smith had a Conference with Him and found him in a Condesending disposition of mind, and likewise He presented a paper to this meeting Condemning his misconduct which was read & refer^d to next m^ly m^gt for Consideration. David Steere & Mary Arnold appear^d in this meeting and Declared their Intention of taking Each other in marriage: And Uriah Mowry & Jabez Wing are appointed to Inquire into his Clearness concerning the same: and make report to next m^ly m^gt. Edward Smith of Mendon sent a paper to this m^gt condemning his conduct in not being able to Clear himself, in Respect of being accused of taking some hay from his neighbour, which was Read & Refer^d to next m^ly meet^g for consideration.

The Queries was Answer^d and an Epistle to the next Q^rly m^gt was Sign^d by the Clerk in behalf of this meet^g. And Tho. Steere Benj^a Arnold & Moses Farnum Junr are appointed to attend said Q^rly meet^g.

At Our Monthly meet^g of Friends held in Smithfield the 27th of the 10th month 1768. The meet^g being conveen^d The Rep^rs are Eben^r Gaskill & Moses Farnum Junr Present. The affair concerning Jon^a Harris is again Refer^d to next m^ly m^gt for further Consideration. Uriah Mowry & Jabez Wing makes report y^t they have Inquired into David Steere's Clearness concerning marriage and find nothing to hender his proceeding therein, with Mary Arnold: And they appearing in this meeting and Rec^d their answer in order for marriage, and Jabez Wing & Uriah Mowry are appointed to se s^d marriage consumated, and make report to next m^ly m^gt. The paper from Edward form is again Refer^d to next m^ly m^gt for further Consideration. Jesse Darling who requested at last Rep^rto meet^g to come under the care of friends appearing in this meet^g. and still Requesting the same, this m^gt appoints Uriah Mowry & Daniel Southwick, to Discourse with him and make Report to next m^ly meeting.

Stephen Ballard Requested at last Rep^rto meeting to come under the care of Friends

Friends & still requesting the same, this meeting appoints Uriah Mowry and Daniel Southwick, to Discourse with him, and make report to next m^o^ly m^g^t The Epistle from ye last Q^r^ly m^g^t was Read and well accepted.

This meet^g^. Rec^d^. a Certificate from ye m^o^ly m^g^t of Oblong. Dated 4th of the 8th month 1768. Recommending Thomas Lewis to the care of this meet^g^. which was read & accepted.

At Our Monthly meeting of Friends held in Smithfield the 24th 11th month 1768. The meet^g^. being convened. The Rep^ts^ are Uriah Mowry and Thomas Steere Present. Edward Southwick and Elisabeth Southwick appear^d^ in this meeting and declared their Intentions of taking Each other in marriage. and Benj^a^ Arnold & Thomas Lapham Junr. are appointed to Enquire into his Life and conversation and Clearness in that Respect of marriage. and make Report before he comes for his answer. The matter concerning Jon^a^ Harris. & Edward Smith is again Refer^d^ to next m^o^ly m^g^t for further Consideration.

Uriah Mowry makes report of ye marriage of David Steere was Consumated in an orderly manner. The Com^tee^ appointed to Discourse with Jesse Darling not having had an opperturnity with Him they are still Continued for ye Service & to make Report to next m^o^ly m^g^t.

At Our Monthly meet^g^. of Friends held in Smithfield the 29th of the 12th month 1768. The meeting being convened. The Rep^ts^ are none appearing. The affair Concerning Jon^a^ Harris is Refer^d^ to next m^o^ly meeting. by reason ye he was gone before the meeting had a Conference with Him. The affair Concerning Edward Smith is Refer^d^, and Uriah Mowry and Thomas Steere is appointed to Labour with Him and make report to next m^o^ly meet^g^. One of the Com^tee^ appointed to Discourse with Jesse Darling and Stephen Ballard, not being here, that affair is again Refer^d^ to next m^o^ly meet^g^. Benj^a^ Arnold and James Comstock are appointed to attend the next Q^r^ly m^g^t: and an Epistle to the same was sign^d^ in & on behalf of this meet^g^. by the Clerk.

At Our Monthly meeting of Friends held in Smithfield the 26th of ye 1st month 1769 The meet^g^. being Convened. The Rep^ts^ are. Thomas Steere & Uriah Mowry Present. Ezra Allen and Lucy Mann appear^d^ in this meeting and declared their Intentions of taking Each other in marriage and this meeting appoints John Smith & Ebenezer Gaskill to Enquire into his Clearness in ye Respect and make Report to next monthly meet^g^. Jon^a^. Harris not being here ye affair is again Refer^d^. and Daniel Cass and Benj^a^ Lapham are appointed to further Labour with him and make report to next m^o^ly meet^g^. The affair Concerning Edward Smith is again Refer^d^ by reason the Com^tee^ have not had an opperturnity with Him, Therefore they are still Continued for that Service and to make Report to next monthly meeting. The Com^tee^ appointed to discourse with Jesse Darling and Stephen Ballard to make Report if they find nothing to hinder Jesse Darling from being under the Care of Friends:

Therefore

Therefore he is accepted under the care of this meeting. And concerning Stephen Ballard, This meeting concludes not to accept him. But orders that his request be delivered back to him. Jonathan Gaskill of Richmond in the Province of New Hampshire Requests by writing to come under the care of Friends. Therefore this meeting appoints Daniel Cass and Moses Allen to Discourse with Him and make Report to next m.ly meeting if it may be convenient. William Bussum sent a Paper to this meeting acknowledging his misconduct in marrying out of y.e order of Friends, which is accepted for Satisfaction on y.t acc.t. This meeting Concludes y.t there be an Addition built at The Old meeting House, and Thomas Steere Benj.a Arnold & Benjamin Slocum: are appointed to build the same as they shall think most convenient.

At Our Monthly meeting of Friends held in Smithfield the 23.d of the 2.d month 1769. The meeting being convened The Rep.ts are John Smith & Adam Harkness Present. Jon.a Smith & Eben.r Gaskill do make report y.t they find nothing to hinder Ezra Allen from proceeding in marriage with Lucy Mann: and They appear.d & Rec.d their Answer in order for marriage. And Daniel Southwick & Adam Harkness are appointed to se the same accomplished, and make report to next m.ly m.g.

Daniel Cass & Benj.a Lapham do make report y.t they have discoursed with Jon.a Harris, and found him in a condescending disposition of mind: Therefore this meeting concludes to accept y.e Paper sent by him to the monthly meet.g in the 9.th month 1768, And Thom.s Steere is appointed to Read it after a Publick meeting at the Old meet.g House and y.t he be there Present: and make Return to next M.ly meet.g. The Com.tee appointed to Labour with Edward Smith, not having had a Conference with Him, are still Continued and to make report to next m.ly meeting. Whereas John Sprague sent a Request to the Prepar.tive meeting Desiring to come under the care of Friends: Therefore this meeting appoints Daniel Cass and Moses Allen to Discourse with Him, and make report as soon as may be convenient to this m.ly meet.g. Whereas Benj.a Killey son of Joseph Hath some time past been accused with having a Bastard Child by one Elisabeth Aldrich, which affair not being settled this meeting concludes to Disown Him, and do hereby put him from under the care of this meeting untill he makes full Satisfaction. He having heretofore been Labour.d with by Friends.

At Our Monthly Meet.g of Friends held in Smithfield y.e 30.th of y.e 3.d month 1769. The meeting being convened the Rep.ts are Thomas Steere and John Smith Present. Adam Harkness does report y.t y.e marriage of Ezra Allen was Consumated in an orderly manner. Thomas Steere makes report y.t he read the paper from Jn.a Harris after a publick meeting at Benj.a Arnolds, and said Jon.a was Present. Therefore this meeting Passes by his misconduct, and Continues him under their care. The Com.tee no.t having had Conversation with Edw.d Smith y.e affair is Referr.d again and the same Com.tee Continued and to make report to next m.ly meet.g.

It was

It was moved at last Prep.ntw meetg to Recommend Daniel Aldrich James Comstock and Stephen Sweet, to the Q.rly m.g.t as approved ministers. and it was consider.d in this meeting and concluded to Recommend Stephen Sweet only, and a few lines to s.d Q.rly meetg was sign.d by the Clerk in this meeting, signifying our unity with his ministry. The Queries was answer.d and an Epistle to the next Q.rly m.g.t was sign.d in this meetg. by the Clerk, and Tho Steere Benjamin Arnold and Moses Farnum Jun.r are appointed to attend s.d Q.rly meetg. Our Friend Nathaniel Green was at this meeting, and his Labour among us was well accepted

There was sent for in the Epistle to y.e Q.rly m.g.t 100 of G Foxes primmers, 100 of Fullers & 121 Small Primmers. and 2 of Purvers Translation of the Bible.

At Our Monthly meetg of Friends held at Smithfield y.e 27th of y.e 4th month 1769 The meeting being Conveen.d The Rep.rs are Uriah Mowry & John Smith Present. Rec.d The Epistle from y.e last Q.rly m.g.t was read and well accepted Thomas Steere and Uriah Mowry do make Report y.t they have Labour.d with Edw.d Smith, and are not fully Satisfied concerning him. Therefore they are still Continued for y.t Service and to make report to next m.o.ly m.g.t. Whereas Joshua Lapham acquainted last Prepa.rt meetg. y.t he Proposes to move to a Place called Hoosuck and Desires friends advice therein. Wherefore it is concluded to refer the same to next m.o.ly meetg. for Consideration. This m.g.t Collected 15 Lawful and paid Benj.a Cook in full for making fires & finding wood at this House last Winter.

At Our Monthly Meetg of Friends held in Smithfield y.e 25th of y.e 5th month 1769. The meetg being Conveen.d The Rep.rs are Uriah Mowry & Tho Steere Present. The matter against Edw.d Smith is again Refer.d for further Consideration. and y.e Com.tee Continued to further Labour with him and to make report to next M.o.ly meeting. The matter Concerning Joshua Lapham's moving. is Refer.d to next m.o.ly meetg. for further Consideration. Joseph Comstock Requested to come under the Care of Friends at last Prepa.rt meeting and he still Requesting y.e same, this meeting appoints Uriah mowry & Daniel Southwick to discourse with him and make report to next M.o.ly m.g.t. It was moved at the prep.rt meetg y.t this m.g.t call upon y.e visiters to know if they Remain Engaged in y.t Service or not, and This m.g.t Refers the same to next m.o.ly m.g.t. Whereas Molley Killey wife of Seth.r Gmendon Requested at last m.o.ly m.g.t to come under the care of Friends and the Women having Inspected y.e into her Life and Conversation, and find not but is orderly. Therefore this meeting under their care This meeting Adjourns to the fifth Day of next week.

The meeting is in being again according to Adjournment y.e 1st of y.e 6th month 1769. Thomas Lapham Jun.r one.w appointed to Inquire in to the clearness of Edw.d Southwick respecting marriage, makes report y.t he finds nothing to hender his proceeding in marriage with Elisabeth Southwick, and They appear.d and Rec.d their answer in order for marriage, and Daniel Southwick & Moses Farnum Jun.r are appointed to se the same accomplished; and make Report to next m.o.ly m.g.t.

This meeting gave an order to Moses Aldrich upon Luke Aldrich for the sum of four Pounds Lawful money & four Shillings, which was due to moses for money he paid towards Uxbridge meeting House.

At Our Monthly meetg of Friends held in Smithfield the 29th of the 6th month 1769 The meeting being conveend The Repts are Jabes Wing and George Smith Presents. John Medcalf, of Bellingham who requested some time past to come under the care of Friends and still Requesting ye same, and friends having several times Discoursed with Him, do hereby Receive him under the care of this meeting.

Joseph White appeard in this meetg. and Desire friends to Consider him in Respect of the Interest of some money, Due from him to this meeting, and the same is Referd. to next mly mgt. The affair against Edward is again Referd to next mly mgt. The affair concerning Joshua Lapham's moving is again Referd to next mly meetg for further Consideration. The Comtee appointed to discourse with Joseph Comstock do make report yt they find nothing but yt he may be receivd among friends Therefore he is accepted under the care of this meeting. The affair concerning our Visiters is again referd to next mly mgt: by reason yt several of them not being present. Daniel Southwick makes report yt the marriage of Edwd Southwick was accomplished in an orderly manner, Joseph Eddy was at this meeting and Desired friends would give him an Answer in respect of his being accepd a member of this meeting and John Smith, Moses Farnum, Uriah Mowry, Daniel Southwick and Thomas Lapham Junr are appointed to signify to him yt this meeting is not free to accept of him as a member. The Queries was answerd, and an Epistle to the next Qrly mgt was Signd in and by order of this meetg by Tho Lapham Junr Clerk, and Daniel Southwick, Ebenezer Gaskill and Moses ~~Farnum~~ Aldrich are appointed to attend sd meetg.

At Our Monthly meeting of Friends held in Smithfield the 27th of ye 7th month 1769. The meeting being Conveend The Repts are John Smith and Tho Steere Present. Jonathan Mowry and Deborah Wing appeard in this meeting and Declared their Intentions of taking each other in marriage. and Tho Steere and Benja Cook are appointed to Inquire Concerning his Clearness in that respect and make Report to next mly mgt. Recd Epistles y Printed one from London Transcript of one from our last Yearly mgt at Rhode Island, with the Comtees Report Respecting the 10th Query, and the Quarterly meeting Epistle, which were read and well accepted. The request of Joseph White was Considerd and this meeting orders Samuel Aldrich, one of the Trustees for said meeting, not to call for ye Interest of ye money in his hands: ~~but~~ But wait on him till further orders from this meetg. The affair against Edwd Smith is again Referd to next monthly meeting and the same Comtee continued for further Labour with Him. The affair relating Joshua Lapham's moving is again Referd for further Consideration, to next mly mgt. The affair concerning our visiters is again Referd to next mly mgt. The Comtee appointed to give Joseph Eddy an answer, not having had an oppertunity with him, that affair is continued till next mly mgt.

It was moved at the Prepnto meeting that this meetg make an addition to our Elders and the same is referd to next mly mgt for Consideration.

At Our

At Our Monthly meetg. of Friends held in Smithfield the 31st of ye 8th month 1769. The meeting Conveen^d The Rep^ts are Uriah Mowry and Thomas Steere present. .. Thomas Steere & Benj^a Cook do make report yt they find nothing to hender Jonathan Mowry's proceeding in marriage with Deborah Wing. And They appear^d in this meeting and Rec^d their answer in order for marriage: and Thomas Steere and Benj^a Cook are appointed to see the same consumated, & make report to next m^ly m.g^t. Daniel Cass and Moses Allen, who was appointed in ye first ~~month~~ & 2^d last to Inquire into the lives & Conversations of Jon^a Gaskill & John Sprague do report in writing. yt they gave them good Satisfaction, Therefore this meeting Receives them under their care. The Com^tee appointed to Labour with Edwd Smith do report yt they are not fully satisfyed. Therefore this meeting appoints Uriah Mowry and Adam Harkness, to further Labour with him and make report to next m^ly meetg. The affair relating Joshua Lapham's moving is again Refer^d, and Uriah Mowry Benj^a Arnold Tho Steere Moses Farnum Junr & Ezekiel Comstock; are appoint^d to Inspect yt affair and make Report to next m^ly meetg. In Respect of our visiters by Enquiry it appears yt they still stand Engaged in yt Service. In respect of Joseph Eddy This meeting Concludes to give him the following answer. Viz^t.

From our Monthly meetg of Friends held in Smithfield the 31st of the 8th month 1769. For Joseph Eddy of Gloucester in the County of Providence &c. Friend as thou hast some time past Desired of this meeting ye reason of our not accepting thee as a member of it ~~our meeting~~. And we being willing to oblige thee in giving it. Proceed to give it as follows. vizt Many years ago as we understand it. Thou apprehended that thou had a gift in the ministery Committed to thee; whereupon meetings were appointed and set up on thy acc^t which are seperate from us; and Thou has attended them hither to and since as we understand the setting up of said meetings you ~~have~~ who appear^d to be at Head of those meetings have come into a Compact. Therefore as thou art a Leading member of yt Society it looks to us Inconsistant in thee to Desire to be a member of our Society, while thou art a leading member of another. Likewise it appears as though we were Inconsistant, with our selves, to receive thee into communion with us while thou continues to attend and keep up meetings seperate from us. work and words in such Cases ought to keep pace with each other. with Desires for thy present and future Happiness we conclude and are thy friends.

Sign^d in & on behalf of our said meeting By Thomas Lapham Junr Clerk

The affair concerning Choosing an Elder was considered and this meeting appoints Thomas Steere to stand as an Elder in this meeting. Whereas Thomas Owen apply^d to last Prepar^ed meeting to come under the care of friends, and appearing in this meeting and still Requesting ye same. This meeting appoints Uriah Mowry and Daniel Southwick to Discourse with Him, and make Report to next m^ly meet^g.

At Our Monthly meeting of Friends held in Smithfield ye 28th Day of ye 9th month 1769. The meeting being Conveen^d the Rep^ts are. Adam Harkness and Jabez Wing Present. - Tho Steere & Benj^a Cook do report yt ye marriage of Jon^a Mowry was Consumated in an orderly manner. Uriah Mowry and Adam Harkness do report yt they have Labour^d with Edwd Smith and yt he appear^d in a Condesending Disposition of mind: and he sent a paper to this meeting Condemning

His

This misconduct and Moses Aldrich is order.d to read the same after a publick meeting at mendon and s.d Edw.d to be present; and make return to next m.ly meeting.

The Com.tee appointed to Inspect into Joshua Laphams affair do report y.t they have made Enquiry, and they with this meeting do consent y.t he may move to Hoosuck Provided he gits the Settling duties taken off that is in Respect of Settling a minister and Building a meeting House from y.e Land he settles upon. Uriah mowry and Daniel Southwick do report y.t they have discoursed with Thomas Owen and find nothing to hender his being accepted under the care of Friends. Therefore he is accepted under the care of This meeting. Rec.d a Certificate from Sandwich Monthly meeting Dated in y.e 6.th month last Recommending Elisha Killey and Wife to the care of this meeting which was read and accepted. The Queries was answer.d and an Epistle to the next Q.rly meeting was Sign.d in and on behalf of this meet.g by the Clerk: and Uriah Mowry and Moses Farnum Jun.r are appointed to attend s.d Q.rly m.g.t.

At Our Monthly meet.g of Friends held in Smithfield the 26.th of y.e 10.th month 1769. The meeting being Conveen.d The Rep.rs are Uriah Mowry and Thomas Steere present. Moses Aldrich makes report y.t he read the Paper for Edw.d Smith according to appointment and the s.d Edw.d was Present. Obadiah Wheeler Jun.r and Ann Buffum appear.d in this meeting and Declared their Intentions of marriage with each other. Rec.d y.e Epistle from y.e last Q.rly meet.g and 12 Epistles from London & Pensylvania, y.t from y.e Q.rly m.g.t and one of Each of the others was read and well accepted. Elisabeth Southwick had a Certificate from this meet.g to friends at y.e Oblong & nine partners which was Sign.d by a number of Friends

Benj.a Cook is appointed to provide wood and build fires at this House the Ensuing winter. Rec.d Fullers Book III. and Collected fifty five pounds Old Ten.r and Deliver.d to John Smith of Newport to carry to John Dockery of Newport.

At Our Monthly meeting of Friends held in Smithfield y.e 30.th of y.e 11.th month 1769. The meeting being Conveen.d The rep.rs are Moses Farnum Jun.r and Thomas Lapham Jun.r Present. Rec.d a Certificate from Boston m.ly m.g.t Signifying the Clearness of Obadiah Wheeler Jun.r in Respect of marriage and He and Ann Buffum appear.d in this meeting & Rec.d their answer and in order for marriage. and Daniel Southwick and Adam Harkness are appointed to se the same accomplished, and make Report to next m.ly m.g.t. —

Rec.d a Certificate from Sandwich m.ly m.g.t Recommending Experience Killey to the care of this meeting, which was read and accepted. This meeting appoints Benj.a Arnold Thomas Steere and Moses Aldrich to go and Inspect a proper place to build a meeting House on at Uxbridge If they think proper y.t there be one Built there. and make Return to next m.ly meeting

At Our Monthly meeting of Friends held in Smithfield y.e 28.th of y.e 12.th month 1769 The meeting being Conveen.d, the Rep.rs are Adam Harkness and Jabez Wing Present. Daniel Southwick & Adam Harkness do report y.t the marriage of Obadiah Wheeler was accomplished in an Orderly manner. —

The Com.tee appointed concerning building a meeting House at Uxbridge, not all having been upon y.t business. the same is Refer.d and the Com.tee to make report to next monthly meet.g.

This —

This meeting gave a certificate, Recommending Elizabeth Bowen (Widow)
to the Monthly meeting at Uxbridge which was Signd by ye Clerk. This meeting
Collected £7..17..6.. Old Tenor, for to pay for 135.. of Ye Joyces Primers at New
port, & delivered to Benja Arnold, Benja Slocum, & Moses Farnum Junr. who this
meeting appoints to attend the next Qrly meeting, and The Queries was read and
answered, and an Epistle to the sd Qrly mtg was Signd in this mtg by the Clerk.

This meeting Recd a certificate from Dartmouth mthly meetg. Recommending
Samuel Howland and his Children to the care of this meetg. which was read & ac-
cepted. This meetg Collected £..17..8½. Lawful money & Recd of George Smith
£ 7..13..7. Law. ffl. It being for Interest on the money that is in hand given
to friends by Rachel Thayer, and gave him a receit for the same, and this meetg
paid him one Dollar in full for his Trouble in Transacting ye Business to
this time, And Benja Arnold & Benja Slocum Recd the two afore said sums
which amounts to £..3..3½. Towards the addition at the Old meeting House.

At Our Monthly meetg. of Friends held in Smithfield the 25th day of 4th
month 1770. The meeting Conveend The Repts are Moses Farnum Junr and
Ebenezer Gaskill. Present, One of the Comtee Concerning building a meeting House in
not being present ye affair is Refer'd to next mthly meetg. Whereas our
friends Daniel Aldrich Seth Aldrich and John Bennett, are now in pri
son at Worcester in ye Province of ye Massachusetts Bay, for not paying
ye Priests rate in Douglass, and suffer in said prison grievously for want
of conveniency for fire. Therefore this meeting appoints Thomas Steere
and Moses Farnum Junr. to go and Petition for their Relief, to such of ye
Authority in ye Province as they shall think likely to receive said prison
ers.

At Our Monthly meeting of friends held in Smithfield the 22d Day of the
7th month 1770. The meeting being Conveend. The Repts are Adam Harkness and John
Gaskill Present. Recd ye Epistle from ye last Qrly meetg. which was read and to good
satisfaction. The Comtee appointed to consider of building a meeting House in Uxbridge
not being fully satisfyed ye matter is again Referd to next Mthly meeting. & the report
ye to be made, Tho Steere ~~Steere~~ & Moses Farnum Junr do report yt they visited
the friends in prison at Worcester, and found them pretty well provided for &
yt they are since Released therefrom. Israel Phillips and his wife requested
by writing to come under the care of Friends, and Samuel Cook & Jedediah Buffum
are appointed to Discourse with them concerning their request, and make
Report ~~to next mthly meetg if~~ as soon as may be convenient. The acct of building the meeting
House in ye north part of Uxbridge was Completed & the rest and all paid. And
Samuel Aldrich was Settled with, on ye acct of the Interest Money in his Hand
given to friends by Rachel Thayer, until the 20th of ye 4th month 1769. Inclusive
all except the Interest of Whites Note. Likewise he was paid six Shillings for
all his Trouble to this time in ye affair, and this meeting gave him a Receit for
ye same which was Signd by the Clerk. This meetg Collected £4..15..0..½ £M
and Paid Benja Arnold towards ye addition at ye Old meetg House. This meetg
Recd of George Smith One pound & twelve shilling £1..12..0 in part for Interest
of money in his Hands Given friends by Rachel Thayer, and gave him a Receit
for ye same, Signd by the Clerk, This mtg appoints Uriah Mowry Jabez King
& Jno Lapham Junr. To Examine ye accts of Building ye addition at ye Meeting House
and make returne to next mthly meetg.

At Our Monthly meeting of Friends held in Smithfield ye 29th of ye 3d month 1770 The meeting being Conveend. The Repr.s are Uriah Mowry & Thomas Steere Present. The Comtee appointed in Respect of Building a meeting House in Uxbridge, do report yt ye most Convenient place to set a meeting House, is a little Southerly of Moses Farnum Junr. by the Side of ye great Road. Therefore this meetg. orders a meeting House to be built at 3d place, and Lawrance Southwick Junr. Moses Farnum Junr. and Damil Aldrich are appointed to build said House. And Lawrance Southwick Junr. and Wm. Buffum are appointed to take a Deed of the Land to set said House, on and a peize for a burying place; and make report to this meeting as soon as they shall accomplish the same. The Comtee appointed to Examine ye accts of ye Comtee yt built ye Addition at ye Old meeting House in Smithfield do find the whole Cost to be 58 ... 07 Shillings Lawful money, and This mgt Collected 15 ... 7 d & 4 Lawf. M. and paid Benja Slocum towards said Addition

Gardner Earl of Leicester sent a paper to this meeting condemning his misconduct in marrying Contrary to the Good order of Friends, which was read and accepted for Satisfaction on yt acct. And Jona Farnum sent a paper to this meeting condemning his going out in marriage, which was read & accepted for Satisfaction on yt acct. Jonathan Mowry and his wife sent a Paper to this meeting condemning their misconduct in being too free and familiar with each other before marriage, which was Read and Moses Farnum Junr. appointed to read the same after a publick meeting & make report to next mo ly mgt. The Queries were answered and an Epistle to ye Qly mgt was Drawn and Signd in & by order of this meeting by The Clerk. And Tho Steere, Uriah Mowry and Moses Farnum Junr. are appointed to attend said Qly meeting. —

At Our Monthly meeting of Friends held in Smithfield the 26th of the 4th month 1770 The meeting being Conveend. The Repr.s are Moses Farnum Junr. and George Smith Present. The Epistle from the last Qly meeting was read and well accepted. And it being desired by the Qly mgt yt this meeting send a particular acct. of ye friends Suffering in Worcester Jail last winter, and Uriah Mowry and Moses Farnum Junr. are appointed to draw an acct of the same, and bring to next mo ly mgt. Moses Farnum Junr. make Report yt he Read the paper from Jona Mowry & wife according to appointment. Therefore friends do pass by their Transgression, and continue them under their care. Whereas Joseph Wing some time past Consumated marriage with his first Cousen and he having been Labourd with by several Friends, sent a paper to this meeting Condemning his misconduct which was Read and accepted and he Continued under ye care of this meeting. This meetg Collected 18/ L M and paid Benja Cook in full for making fires last winter, and also Collected fourteen Shilling and 4 1/2 penny L M, and Paid Thomas Steere towards the Addition at ye Old meeting House. This meeting Recd a Certificate from Swanzy mo ly meeting Recommending Martha Bowen to the care of this meetg which was read and accepted. It is the Conclusion of this meeting yt ye Comtee appointed to build Uxbridge meeting House. Build the same 35 feet long and 30 feet Broad from out side to out side.

At Our Monthly meetg held in Smithfield the 31st Day of the
5th month 1770 The meeting being Conveend. The Repr.s are Benja Cook and Moses Farnum Junr. Present. Uriah Mowry & Moses Farnum Junr. have presented an account of the Sufferings of Daniel Aldrich Seth Aldrich & John Bennet in Worcester Jail last Winter which was Read & orderd to be sent to the next Qrly meeting at Rhode Island.

At Our Monthly meetg of Friends held in Smithfield the 28th of the
6th month 1770 The Meeting being Conveend. The Repr.s are Uriah Mowry & Thomas Steere Present. Daniel Cass & Sadadiah Buffum, who were appointed some time past to Discourse with Israel Phillips and his wife Amity, do report in Writing yt they are with friends in Principal, and orderly in Conversation &c Therefore this meeting accepts them under their care. Whereas this meetg Recd a few lines from Swanzy Mly meetg Signifying their not accepting a Certificate sent from this meetg Relating Elisabeth Bowen, and yt she is there married to a man Contrary to ye order of Friends. This meetg Considering the same do Certify yt it is our opinion yt it belongs to Swanzy meetg to Deal with said Elisabth which Certificate was Signd by the Clerk.
Whereas there is a Complaint brought from ye Prepartve meeting against Benja Lapham for his entering further into Covenant to help settle a minister at East Hoosuck. Than this meeting approves of. Therefore this meeting appoint Tho. Steere Daniel Southwick George Smith Adam Harkness and Thomas Lapham Junr. a Comtee to Labour with Him and make Report to next Mly meetg. The Queries were answerd in this meeting and an Epistle to the next Qrly meetg was Signd by the Clerk, and Thomas Steere & Moses Farnum are appointed to attend the same. This meetg orders Samuel Aldrich to call for the Interest of money in Joseph Whites Hands.

At Our Monthly meeting of Friends held in Smithfield the 26th of the
7th month 1770 The meeting being Conveend. The Repr.s are Jabez Wing Present & Georg Smith not Present. This meetg Recd a Certificate from Swanzy mly meeting Recommending Elihu Bowen, his wife and Family to the care of this meeting which was read and accepted. The Comtee appointed to Discourse with Benja Lapham not all having fully Discoursed with him. They are Continued for yt Service, and to make report to next mly meetg. Recd Epistles several Printed ones from London, and one from our last Qrly meeting & a Transcript of Rhode Island Yealy meetg a Epistle with a Copy of several matters Concluded on by sd yearly meetg. all which were read and well accepted. Whereas there is a Complaint brot from ye Prepartve meetg against Joshua Lapham, Isaac Killey, and Nathan Comstock, for Entering further into Covenant to help settle a minister at East Hoosuck, than this meeting approves of and yt Hannah Lapham Wife of Joshua Hath too much Incouraged yt affair — Therefore this meetg appoints Thomas Steere, Gideon Harris, Daniel Southwick — George Smith, Adam Harkness, Benja Arnold, and Thomas Lapham Junr. a Comtee to Labour with them, and make report to ~~next~~ this mly meeting, as soon as may be Convenient.

At Our Monthly meeting of Friends held in Smithfield the 30th of ye 8th month 1770. The meeting being Conveend. The Repr. are Adam Harkness and Jabez King Present. The affair against Benja Lapham, not being settled, This meetg refers ye Same to ye Comtee appointed at last mly meetg to Labour with Joshua Lapham and others. and to make report to this meetg as soon as may be convenient.
This meeting Collected one pound one Shilling & Eight pence Lawful Money, and paid Benja Slocum towards the additions at the Old meeting House. This meetg gave an order to george Smith upon Luke Aldrich, to Receive the Interest money in his Hands belonging to Friends. and give his Receit for ye same which order was Signd by the Clerk in behalf of this meeting.

At Our Monthly meeting of Friends held in Smithfield the 27th of ye 9th month 1770. The meeting being Conveend The Repr. are Adam Harkness and Jabez King Presents. The Queries were answerd and an Epistle to the Qrly meeting was Signd in and by order of sd meeting by the Clerk. And Uriah Mowry Benja Cook Benja Arnold and Moses Farnum, are appointed to attend said Qrly meetg. This meeting Collected 3/-3/4 Litt. and paid Benja Arnold towards the Addition at the Old meeting House.

At Our Monthly meetg of Friends held in Smithfield the 25th of ye 10th month 1770 The meeting being Conveend. The Repr. are Benjamin Cook and Moses Farnum Present Recd The Epistle from ye last Qrly meeting which was Read and Kindly accepted. Jethro Lapham sent a paper to this meeting Condemning his misconduct in Respect of marriage; and Uriah Mowry is appointed to Read the same after a Publick meeting and make report to next mly meetg. The Request of Jonathan Mason Brot from last Preparative meeting, in Respect of his being accepted a member of this meeting was Read and Thomas Steere and Uriah mowry are appointed to Converse with him, and make Report to next monthly meeting.

At Our Monthly meetg of Friends held in Smithfield the 29th of ye 11 month 1770 The meeting being Conveend. The Repr. are Uriah Mowry and Moses Farnum Present. Uriah Mowry reports ye he read the paper from Jethro Lapham according to appointment, Therefore this meetg passes by his misconduct therein mentioned, and continues him ~~under~~ under their care. Uriah Mowry & Thomas Steere who was appointed to Discourse with Jonathan Mason not having had an oppertunity with Him. They are still Continued for yt Service and to report to next mly mgt. Whereus Stephen Sweet Desires a few Lines to Salem Mly mgt. by way of Certificate, and This meetg appoints Benja Arnold and Thomas Lapham Junr. to Enquire how his affairs are Settled, and make Report to next mly meetg. Jonathan Sweet of Richmond & Amme his Wife Requested to come under ye care of Friends. and This mgt appoints Thomas Steere Uriah Mowry and Daniel Southwick, to Inquire into their lives and Conversations and make Report to ~~next~~ this mly meeting as soon as may be Convenient.
This meetg Recd a Certificate from ye Mly mgt at Nine partners Signifying the orderly Behaviour of Elisabeth Southwick while among them wh was read and accepted.

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Sarah Whipple who having Requested to come under ye care of Friends, and the Womens meetings having discoursed with her, and not finding anything to hender. Therefore this meeting accepts her under their care. This meeting being Informd. yt Lawrance Southwick ye elder, being in want of some necessary's for himself and Family. Therefore this meetg appoints Moses Farnum to app Provide what is necessary for them, & bring ye acct there of to next Mly meetg. This meeting appoints George Smith, Moses Farnum, and Wm Buffum to Enquire into the Circumstance of Friends burying ground in Uxbridge and take a Deed there of If necessary, and make report to next mly meetg.

At Our Monthly meeting of Friends held in Smithfield the 27th of the 12th month 1770 The meeting being Conveend. The Repns are Uriah Mowry and Jabez Wing Present. Lawrance Southwick Junr. and Wm Buffum, who were appointed to take a Deed of ye meeting House Lot, and burying Ground, near Moses Farnum's in Uxbridge do report yt they have taken one, and it is Recorded. Uriah Mowry & Thomas Steere do report yt they had Discourse with Jonathan Mason, But they were not Satisfied yt he ought to be a member of our meeting. Therefore the same Comtee are Continued and to make report to next mly meeting. Benja Arnold & Thomas Lapham Junr. do report yt they have made Inquiry, and do not find but yt Stephen Swett hath settled his affairs to Satisfaction. Therefore this meeting gave a Certificate for him and Wife to Boston mly meeting. And Likewise gave a Certificate for Ann Wheeler wife of Obadiah Wheeler Junr. to the same meeting Signifying Their orderly lives &c. and Recommending them to their Care, which was Signd. by the Clerk.

At Our Monthly meetg of Friends held in Smithfield the 31st of the 1st month 1771 The meeting being Conveend. The Repns are George Smith and Wm Buffum Present. Recd the Epistle from ye last Qrly meetg which was kindly accepted. Jethro Lapham & Sarah Whipple appeard in this meetg. and Declard their Intention of taking each other in marriage, And Moses Farnum and Daniel Aldrich are appointed to Inquire into his Clearness in yt Respect. and make Report to next mly mgt. The Comtee appointed to Labour with Joshua Lapham and Wife, Isaac Killey and Nathan Comstock, in respect of their purchasing Land at Hoosuck. Do make report yt By which it appears yt they are guilty of the matter Complaind off as by Record, appears, which this meeting cannot Justify but Condemns And although they sent papers to this meetg. yet they have not Condemned their Conduct in yt affair; Therefore not Satisfactory: Wherefore this meeting Concludes that nothing short of their Condemning the same, and making their Condemnation as Publick as the offence: will make Satisfaction. Benja Arnold and Daniel Southwick are appointed to Communicate the above minute or Conclusion of the meeting & to them, and further Labour with them, for their Recovery, and make Report as soon as may be Convenient. This meeting is Adjourns to neat fifth Day

This Meeting is in being again according to ye adjournment. Benja Arnold sent a paper to this meeting. Condemning his Subscribing towards ye College at Providence. which is to ye Satisfaction of this meeting. One of the Comtee Respecting Jona Mason, makes report yt he hath further Labourd with Him, and not finding things to Satisfaction. this meetg. orders his Request to be given him again.

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This meeting Rec^d a Certificate from Swanzy M^ly meet^g. Recommending Daniel Anthony to the Care of this meeting which was Read and accepted.

The request of David Mowry otherwise Phillips In Respect of his being under ye Care of friends: was Consider^d and Daniel Southwick Moses Farnum and Daniel Aldrich, are appointed to Discourse with him, and make report to next monthly meet^g. Whereas David Buffum Complained at last Prepar^tive meet^g. of Experience Shearman for Reporting a Scandulous Report about him: and the same is refer^d to next M^ly meet^g.

At Our Monthly meet^g of Friends held in Smithfield the 28th of the 2^d month 1771 - The meeting being Conveen^d. The Rep^rs are Uriah Mowry and Moses Farnum. Present Jethro Lapham and Sarah Whipple appear^d in this m^g^t and Rec^d their Answer in order for marriage, and Lawrance Southwick Junr and Benj^a Phetteplace are appointed to see the same Consumated & make report to next M^ly meet^g. Daniel Southwick and Benjamin Arnold who was appointed to further Labour with those friends y^t Purchased Lands at Hoosuck Do make Report y^t they have Discoursed with all but Isaac Killey and Joshua Lapham and his wife sent papers to this meet^g. Concerning ye affair which papers was Read, and Refer^d for further Consideration till next m^ly meet^g. And nothing further appearing from Nathan Comstock and Isaac Killey ye affair Concerning them is Refer^d till next m^ly meet^g. The Com^tee appointed to Discourse with David Mowry alias Phillips not all having had an opportunity with him: y^t affair is Refer^d. And the same Com^tee Continued and to make report to next m^ly m^g^t. The Complaint of David Buffum against Experience Shearman, was Consider and by the report of several friends y^t affair being Settled. Therefore y^t affair is dismist. This meeting gave a Certificate for Edward Southwick and Elisabeth his Wife to Swanzy m^ly meet^g. Recommending them to be so far as we know of orderly Lives and Conversations, which was Sign^d by the Clerk. It was bro^t from last Preparative meeting as a request of some friends. That a meeting be kept at the new meeting House at the South part of Uxbridge every first Day, and after Consideration this meet^g Concludes that there be a meeting kept there for the future accordingly. And y^t there be a meeting held there every second fifth Day in every month for the future, and all the meetings Established both first Days and fifth Days at private Houses be Dropt in y^t Neighbourhood.

This meeting Collected twenty Shillings & 3^d and paid Moses Farnum for things he let Lawrance Southwick & Family have.

At Our Monthly meet^g of Friends held in Smithfield the 28th of the 3^d month 1771. The meeting being Conveen^d. The Rep^rs are Ebenezer Gaskill and Moses Farnum Present. The Com^tee appointed to Discourse with David Mowry do report y^t they dont find anything to hender his being taken under the care of friends Therefore he is accepted under ye care of this meeting. And the said David Mowry and Elisabeth Gifford, appear^d in this meeting, and Declared their Intentions of taking each other in marriage. and Moses Farnum & Daniel Aldrich

are appointed to se into his Clearness in yt Respect, and make report to next monthly meeting. And Adam Harkness Junr and Thankful Shearman, appear in this meeting and Declared their Intentions of taking each other in marriage and Benja Buffum & David Buffum are appointed to se into his Clearness in yt Respect. and make report to next mly meetg. And Benja Phettiplace makes report yt the marriage of Jethro Lapham was Consumated in an orderly manner. The Paper of Joshua Lapham, Condemning his purchasing Land at Hoosuck, which was Refer from last Mly meetg. being Consider. by this meeting was accepted. Provided the same be read, at the close of a Publick mgt at this House, and yt he carry a Copy thereof, and read at the Close of a meetg. at Hoosuck if they hold any more there. And a Paper from Daniel Anthony Condemning his Purchasing Land at Hoosuck. was Considered and accepted by this meeting Provided it be read at this House at the Close of a Publick meeting, and at the Close of a meeting at Hoosuck; If friends hold any more there. The affair Refer from last monthly meetg Concerning Hannah Lapham, Isaac Killey & Nathan Comstock is again Refer to next monthly meetg for further Consideration. The Queries were answer and an Epistle to the next Qly meetg. was Sign. in and by order of S. meeting by the Clerk. and Thomas Lapham Daniel Aldrich and Moses Farnum, are appointed to attend the S. Qly Meetg.

George Smith paid to this meeting Three pounds which he Rec. of Luke Aldrich in part for Interest money Due to this meetg by the Last Will of Rachel Thayer Deccase. and also S George paid Six pounds 6/. 4d. It being Insul for Interest money in his Hands given this meetg by Rachel Thayer Deccased: untill ye 20th of ye fourth month 1770. and This meeting gave him a Receiut for ye Same. and Joseph Aldrich paid his Subscription. 4/.. and Moses Farnum, Rec. Six pounds nine Shilling & 4d of said money, towards building the Brick meeting House And Benja Slocum Rec. of Three pounds of the same towards ye Addition at the Old meeting House.

At a Monthly meetg of friends held in Smithfield ye 25th of the 4th month 1771. The meeting being Conveen. The Repr are George Smith, and Moses Farnum, Present. The Epistle from ye last Qly meeting was read in this meeting. The friends appointed to Inquire into ye Clearness of David Moury Respecting marriage made report yt they Have made Inquiry and find nothing to hender him from Proceeding in marriage with Elisabeth Gifford. Likewise the friends appointed to Inspect Adam Harkness Junr's Clearness in the same Respect. made Report yt they made Inquiry and found nothing to hender his Proceeding in marriage with Thankful Shearman. and both the above said Couples appear in this meeting and Rec. their Answers in order for marriage: and Moses Farnum & Daniel Aldrich are appointed to se the marriage of David Moury Consumated. and make report to

next

next mthly meeting. And Daniel Southwick and Benja Bussum are appointed to see ye marriage of Adam Harkness and Consumated: and make report to next mthly meetg. The affair refer'd last mthly meetg concerning Isaac Tilley and Nathan Comstock, is again refer'd to next mthly meetg for further Consideration. The matter refer'd from last mthly meetg Concerning Hannah Lapham being Considered, and by ye act. of several Friends from her Intimated, ye she was not satisfied with the Paper she had sent to this meeting: Therefore this meeting Concludes to return her ye paper

And as the Last Qrtly meetg. concluded ye womens Meeting had Authority to accept & deny members of their own sex, tho orderly to acquaint the men there with; Therefore this meeting Concludes, yt the women take Cognizance of yt affair, and Deal with her as they in wisdom shall think proper. Adam Harkness, David Stern, and Wm Bussum are appointed to audit the acct. of the Friends who were appointed to build the Brick meeting House; and make report to next monthly meetg.

George Smith paid 23/ in part of what is Due from him as Interest money to this meeting, by vertue of Rachel Thayers Will, and he had a Receit for the same: and Moses Farnum Rec the same towards the Brick meetg House.

At Our Monthly meetg. of Friends held in Smithfield ye 30th of 5th month 1771. The meeting being Concern'd The Repts are Moses Farnum & George Smith Present. Moses Farnum & Daniel Aldrich report ye the marriage of David Mowry was Consumated in an orderly manner.

Daniel Southwick & Benja Bussum, report yt ye marriage of Adam Harkness was accomplished in an orderly manner. The affair Concerning Isaac Tilley and Nathan Comstock, is Refer'd till next mthly meetg: by Reason yt they desired friends not to be hasty in yt affair.

This meetg appoints Uriah Mowry to Read: Daniel Anthonys and Joshua Lapham's papers of Acknowledgments Concerning their Purchasing Land at Woonsock, at this House at the Close of a Publick meetg. and make report to next mthly meetg. Adam Harkness Wm Bussum and David Stern do report yt they find the whole cost of Building the Brick meeting House to amount to: - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - £ 206 8 1

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John Smith and his Wife Rec. Certificates to friends at the Nine partners in order to pay them a visit, which were sign'd by the Clerk. It is Concluded by this meetg. yt all ye meetgs belonging to this mthly meetg. yt now begin at ye 10th hour Do for ye future begin at ye 11th hour. And yt the yearly meetg. at the Old meetg. House begin at the 10th Hour.

1771 At Our Monthly meetg of Friends held in Smithfield the 27th of the 6th month 1771. The meeting being Conveen^d The Rep^rs are: Uriah Mowry & Thomas Steere Present. The affair Concerning Isaac Killey and Nathan Comstock. Being Consider^d this m^gt Concludes to send them a letter which was Prepar^d and Read and Sign^d by the Clerk in this meeting and y^t affair Refer^d till they send word to this meetg. if they send within a Convenient Season. Uriah Mowry Reports y^t he read the paper Relating Joshua Lapham & Daniel Anthony, according to last m^ly meetg^s appointment. Therefore this meetg Concludes to pass by their misteps without Reading their papers at Hoosuck. This meeting appoints Moses Farnum a Visiter, and he with our other visiters, are appointed to Labour with all friends belonging to this meetg. y^t owns Slaves.

An Epistle to the Q^ly meetg. with Answers to the Queries was Sign^d by the Clerk in behalf of this meetg. and Daniel Southwick Benj^a Arnold Thomas Steere, Thomas Lapham, & Moses Farnum are appointed to attend s^d Q^ly meetg. By Information It appears y^t Lawrence Southwicks family is in want of same assistance Therefore this meetg appoints Adam Harkness Moses Farnum and Wm Buffum to Inspect y^t affair and make report to next M^ly meetg. It was thought at ye preparative meeting necessary y^t poor Children be School^d. And this meetg concludes y^t ye Visiters inspect the same and when opportunity offers for them to be School^d y^t they bring it before this meetg.

At Our Monthly meetg. of Friends held in Smithfield ye 25th 7th month 1771 The meeting Conveen^d. The Rep^rs are Benj^a Cook & Moses Farnum Present. This meetg Rec^d Epistles, one from our last Q^ly meetg. and Copy of one from ye Yearly meetg. of Rhode Island, last, and 5 Printed ones from London. all which was Read and Kindly accepted. The Com^tee appointed to Inspect Lawrance Southwick's Circumstances. Do report that they have Inspected and advised with Him concerning puting out his Children; and he not Compying to Satisfaction. They are still for that Service, and to make report to next m^ly meetg. Whereas ~~Thomas~~ John Owen Requested at last Prep^tive meetg. to come under ye care of Friends and he appearing & still Requesting the same. This meeting appoints Uriah Mowry and Benj^a Arnold to Inquire into his Life and Conversation and the into the ground of his Request, and make Report to next m^ly meetg. And also Elisha Thornton Requested at s^d Prepar^tive meetg. to come into unity with Friends and he still Requesting the same. This meeting appoints Uriah Mowry and Thomas Steere to Discoure with him, and make Report to next m^ly meetg. This meetg Rec^d by way of the Q^ly meetg. Co pounds L.M. from Rhode Island m^ly meetg. and 26/. 2^d. from Accoakset m^ly m^gt. which sums were given towards our Expences in building meetg Houses.

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1771. And Moses Farnum Rec^d the same towards the Brick meeting House This meeting Collected forty shillings, and paid Lawrance Southwick, it being in full for his expence towards the brick meet^g House. And also Collected Three shillings £ 2^d ½ penny, and Paid Daniel Aldrich towards the Brick meeting House.

At Our Monthly meet^g of Friends held in Smithfield the 29th of 8th month 1771 The meet^g being Conveen^d The Rep^rs are John Smith and Jabez King present. Our Friend John Smith bro^t a few lines from the m^o^ly meet^g of friends at the Nine partners Signifying their unity with his visit among them which was read and Satisfactory. The Com^tee appointed to assist Lawrance Southwick, in placing out some of his Children, Report y^t he has not fully Comply^d with their Advice: Therefore they are still continued for y^t Service and to Report to next m^o^ly meet^g. The Com^tee that was appointed to Discourse with John Owen, not being here they are still Continued for y^t Service and to report to next m^o^ly meet^g. The Com^tee appointed to Discourse with Elisha Thornton make Report y^t they have Discoursed with Him and find nothing to hender his being accepted under the care of Friends. Therefore he is accepted under ye care of this meet^g. Whereas Levi Taft Requested at last Prepar^tive meet^g to come under the care of Friends and appearing and still requesting the same this meet^g appoints Daniel Southwick and Adam Harkness to Discourse with Him: and make report to next m^o^ly meet^g. The matter from last Prep^rative meet^g of moving the 4th Day m^ft from Mendon meet^g House is Refer^d to next m^o^ly meet^g for Consideration This meeting adjourns to the fifth Day of next week.

The meeting is in being again according to Adjournment this 5th Day of ye 9th m^o 1771. Whereas Jonathan Sweet and Wife Requested to come under the care of friends Some time past and a Com^tee was then appointed to Discourse with them but they not having been on the business, this meeting adds Moses Farnum to s^d Com^tee and they to make report ~~to next m^o^ly m^ft~~ as soon as may be Convenient.

At Our Monthly meet^g of Friends held in Smithfield the 26th of 9th month 1771. The meet^g being Conveen^d The Rep^rs are Benj^a Arnold and Moses Farnum Present. The Com^tee appointed to assist Lawrance Southwick in placing out Some of his Childrend not having fully Compleat^d y^t Business they are still Continued & to Report to next m^o^ly m^ft. The Com^tee appointed to Confer with John Owen, not having fully Discours^d with Him. They are still Continued for y^t Service and to make Report to next m^o^ly m^ft. The Com^tee appointed to Discourse with Levi Taft Do report y^t they have Discoursed with him, and find nothing to hender his being accepted under the care of Friends. Therefore he is accepted a member of this meeting.

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The Reference from last m.ly m.t concerning moving the 1st Day meet.g at Hearon was Consider.d and concluded to be still Continued the same Affair.

This meet.g gave a few lines to the next 2d.ly meet.g of ministers and Elders signifying our Unity with the appearance of Elizabeth Southwick in the ministry. Her Queries was read and refuser, and an epistle to the 2d.ly meet.g was drawn and Sign.d by Cook. Ulriah Hussey Benj.a Arnold Moses Farnum and W.m Russum are appointed to attend the next 2d.ly meeting. This meet.g Collected three Pounds for the Yearly meet.g Stock at London and sent to the 2d.ly meet.g by Moses Farnum. Whereas George Arnold requested to come under the care of Friends at last Prepar.t meet.g and appearing and still requesting the same. This meet.g appoints Ulriah Hussey and Benj.a Cook to Discourse with him and make report to next m.ly meet.g.

At Our Monthly meet.g of Friends held in Smithfield the 1st 10th month 1771. The meet.g being Conveen. The Rep.ts are Moses Farnum and Jabez Arnold. Rec.d an Epistle from y.e last 2d.ly meet.g which was read and well accepted. also Rec.d the sums of money therein mentioned Viz £14-5-0 given this meet.g by Dartmouth m.ly m.t. and £1-0-0 given by Swansey m.ly m.t. also Rec.d a transcript of an Epistle and some minutes of the 4.ly m.t of Friends at Philadelphia in 9th m.o 1770. which was Read and kindly accep.t

The Com.tee appointed to Discourse with John Owen do report y.t they have visited him, and he being now under Infirmity of Body and mind. Therefore they are still Continued for y.e Service. and to Report to next m.ly m.t.

The Com.tee appointed to Discourse with George Arnold do report that they have Discoursed with Him. and find nothing to hender his being accepted under the care of Friends. Therefore he is accepted a member of this meet.g

By a Request from the Women, this meeting appoints George Smith Moses Farnum and Thomas Lapham Jun.r To assist them in Discourse with Ann Smith on acc.t of her Requesting to come under the care of Friends. This meet.g Collected 15/ and paid Benj.a Cook for Building fires at this House last Winter. Benj.a Hocum Rec.d £4-5-6 Eff.t towards the sum Due to him on acc.t of the Addition at the Old Meeting House.

At Our Monthly meet.g of Friends held in Smithfield y.e 28th of y.e 11th month 1771. The meet.g being Conveen. The Rep.ts are Jno Steere and Adam Harkness Present. The Com.tee appointed to Discourse with John Owen Do report y.t they have Discoursed with him and not being satisfied this meet.g adds Jno. Steere & Jno. Lapham Jun.r to them to further visit him and make report to next m.ly m.t. The Com.tee appointed to ~~visit~~ assist y.e Women in Discoursing with Ann Smith, by a mistake in her, they have not had a Conference. Therefore they are Continued for y.e Service and to report to next m.ly m.t. Ezekiel Wilkinson who requested at last Prepar.t m.t to come under the care of Friends, appearing and still

still requesting the same this meetg. appoints Benjn Arnold and Thomas Lapham junr a Comtee to Discourse with him and make report to next mthly meetg. Also Samuel Inman requested at last Prepvs meetg. to come under the care of friends and he appearing and still requesting the same. This meetg. appoints Adam Harkness and Moses Farnum to Discourse with him and make Report to next mthly meetg. — This meetg on Receiving a Letter from Isaac Tilley (which was not a Satisfactory acknoledgment) for his Purchasing at Hoosick as he did, sent him an answer, which was signd in and by order of sd meetg. By the Clerk — This meetg Recd of Samuel Mirick six pounds 11s. & 4d. it being Intr money due to the meeting: Benjn Slocum Recd three pounds of sd same towards the addition at the Old M. House; and the remainder went for shingles to lay on the Brick meetg House. This meetg. appoints Moses Farnum to Recve of Luke Mirick the Interest money Due to this meetg. by the last bill of Rachel Thayer Decd and give him a receit for the same, and make return to this meetg. when finished

At Our Monthly meetg. held in Cornwall the 21th of the 12th month 1771. The meeting being Convened. Ye Rgds are Uriah Mosey and Benjn Cook present. Two friends Samuel Neal from Cork in Ireland, and David Ferris from Pennsylvania was at this meeting on a Religious visit, and their Certificates Read, all which was to good Satisfaction. The Comtee appointed to Discourse with John Owen Concerning his Request to come under the Care of Friends, to Report if they have had a conference with him but not being to Satisfaction. Therefore his Request is Rejected ~~they are still Continued for that Service & to report~~ to next mthly meetg. for further Consideration. The Comtee appointed to Discourse with Lyll Wilkinson to report that they see nothing to hinder his Request being granted. Therefore he is Accepted a member of this meetg. The Comtee appointed to Discourse with Samuel Inman Concerning his coming under the care of Friends not having had an opportunity with him they are still Continued for that Service, and to make report to next mthly meetg. This meeting Recd a Certificate from Sandwick Monthly meeting Recommending John Wolcott to the Care of this meeting, which was read and accepted.

Application being made to this meeting, relating moving the meetg. at Providence to a private House, And the same being Considered, this meeting Appoints Jno. Steere Moses Farnum George Smith and Thomas Lapham junr to visit friends there, and consider of the same, and make Report to next mthly meetg. — The Queries was Read and Answered, & an Epistle to the next Qrly meeting was Read and Signd in behalf of this meetg. by the Clerk — And Moses Farnum Jno Steere Benjn Arnold & Thomas Lapham junr are appointed to attend the said Qrly mtg. The Comtee appointed to assist the women in Discoursing with Ann Smith, are Continued and to make Report to next mthly meetg.

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1772 At Our Monthly meeting of friends held in Smithfield the 30th of the
1st month 1772: The meeting being Conveend, the Repns are Thomas Steere & Benjamin Arnold, Present. — This meetg Recd a letter from Isaac Killey, Concerning his Purchasing at Hoosuck, But not being fully to satisfaction, this meeting appoints George Smith, and Moses Farnum to discourse with him Concerning it; And to make Report to next mly meeting. — Also Recd a letter from Nathan Comstock, concerning his Purchasing at Hoosuck; But not being to Satisfaction. Therefore this meeting appoints George Smith & Moses Farnum, to write an Answer to the same; and bring to next mly meeting.

The Epistle from the last Qrly meeting was Read to good Satisfaction. — Also Recd by way of said Qrly meetg £1.13. from South Kingston mly meetg towards our late Charges, which was kindly Acceptee: And Moses Farnum Recd the same towards the Brick meeting House.

The Comtee appointed to discourse with Samuel Inman, do make Report; That they have had discourse with him, and think it may be for the best to receive him under the care of Friends. Therefore he is Recd under the Care of this meeting. — The other Referrences from the last mly meetg are Referd to the next. — This meeting wrote a letter to friends at Richmond — on acct of their acting somthing, about the ministerial Land in that Town — which Letter was Signd by the Clerk in this meeting.

At Our Monthly meeting of friends held in Smithfield the 27th of the
2d Month 1772. The meeting being Conveend. The Repns are George Smith and Benja Buffum, Present. Saml Inman, & Ann Buffum appeared in this meeting, and Declared their Intentions of taking each other in marriage, and this meeting appoints Adam Harkness and Benjamin Buffum to Inquire into his Clearness in that Respect, and make Report to next mly mtg.

The Comtee appointed to discourse with Isaac Killey, Do Report that he does not condemn his Purchasing Land at Hoosuck as he did. Therefore this meeting appoints Moses Farnum and Thomas Lapham Junr to draw a paper of denial against him; and bring to next mly meeting.

According to appointment Moses Farnum & George Smith hath presented an Answer to Nathan Comstocks Letter, which was approved, and signed by the Clerk in behalf of this meeting.

The Request of John Owen Concerning his coming under the care of friends was Considered. And this meeting Concludes, that 'tis best to drop it at Present. — The Comtee appointed to Assist the women in discoursing Ann Smith, Concerning her being Recd a member of this meeting, are continued for that service: And Thomas Steere is added: and to Report to next mly meeting.

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1772 The Comtee appointed to visit friends at Providence, do Report: that they have visited them and it was their Conclusion: with friends at Providence, that it was best for that meeting, not to be held at a Private House.

Jonathan Arnold the younger appeared in this meeting, and Requested to be accepted under the care of Friends, and a Number of friends having had conversation with him, and none objecting this meeting, Receives him under their care.

On Considering of the Proposal from the Preparatve meeting concerning Recommending Moses Farnum as an approvd minister to the Qrly meetg this meeting Refers the same to next mly meetg.

That from the Prepastee meeting concerning Noah White is also Referd to next monthly meeting.

At Our Monthly meeting of Friends held in Smithfield the 13th of the 3d month 1772. The meeting being conveend the Repts are Thomas Steere and Uriah Mowry, Present: Adam Harkness, and Benjamin Buffum, Report that they find nothing to hender Samuel Inmans Proceeding in marriage with Ann Buffum. And they appeard in this meeting and Recd their Answer in order for marriage, and Adam Harkness, & Benjamin Cook are appointed to see said marriage Consumated and make Report to next mly meeting.

Moses Farnum & Thomas Lapham Junr according to appointment have presented a paper of Denial against Isaac Killey, which was read and approved of and Signd by the Clerk. And this meeting orders the Clerk to send him a Copy of said Paper before it be Read Publickly. The Comtee appointed to assist the women Concerning Ann Smiths Request, not having had a Conferrence with her: They are Continued for that Service, and to make Report to next Monthly meeting. The matter Referd last monthly meeting concerning Recommending Moses Farnum, as an approved Minister to the Qrly meeting was Considered and this meeting sent in the Epistle to said Qrly meetg Signifying their unity with his publick Testemony. The referrence concerning Noah White was considered, and Moses Farnum, is appointed to supply him with such necessaries as he stands in need of; and bring the account to next mly meeting.

The Queries was read and Answered, and an Epistle was drawn and signed in and on behalf of this meeting by the Clerk. The friends appointed to attend the next Qrly meeting are Thomas Steere Uriah Mowry Benja Arnold & Thomas Lapham Junr.

Benjamin Arnold & Thomas Lapham Junr are appointed to Inspect the Circumstances that David Brayley was in when he left us, and in what manner his Certificate ought to run, or be exprest.

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At Our Monthly meeting of friends held in Smithfield 30th 4th month 1772. The meeting being Conven. The Repr. are Uriah Mowry & George Smith Present.

Adam Harkness & Benjamin Cook Do make report that the marriage of Samuel Inman, with Ann Buffum was Consummated in an orderly manner.

The Comtee. appointed to assist the women in Respect of receiving Ann Smith under the care of Friends, Having had a conference with her, and not being satisfied, the same is referd. till next Mo.ly meegt. for consideration.

Benja. Arnold & Thomas Lapham Junr. have Inspected the Circumstances of David Brayley when he moved from us. And this meeting gave a Certificate to Sandwick m.ly meegt. Concerning him which was signd. by the Clerk.

The Epistle from the last Qrly meeting was read & kindly accepted

George Comstock & Wm. Bassett who requested at last Preparative meeting to come under the care of Friends, appearing in this meeting and still Requesting the same, this meeting appoints Daniel Southwick Adam Harkness & Elisha Thornton, to converse with them & make report to next m.ly meetg.

This meeting received a Paper from Nathan Comstock respecting his Purchasing Lands at Hoosuck, which is lodged for Consideration

The Complaint from the preparative meetg. against Samuel Aldrich Respecting his medling with the setting of a District at the north end of Uxbridge, was Considered & this meeting appoints Thos. Steere Daniel Southwick, Uriah Mowry, Benja. Arnold Adam Harkness, Elisha Thornton & Thomas Lapham Junr. a Comtee. to Inspect that affair. And make report to next m.ly meetgt.

This meeting appoints Moses Farnum to receive of George Smith and Samuel Aldrich, The Interest money due to this meeting. By virtue of Rachel Thayer's Will, and to make report to this meeting when Recd. This meeting gave Moses Farnum an order on Luke Aldrich, to receive the Interest money in his hands: Due to this meeting, by the last Will of Rachel Thayer, which was Signd. by the Clerk.

The Reference concerning Noah White, is still Continued under the care of Moses Farnum. And he to make Report to next monthly meeting.

Thos. Lapham Junr. Clerk.

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At Our Monthly meeting of Friends held in Smithfield 28th 5th month 1772. The meeting being Conveen^d the Rep^ts are Uriah Mowry & Tho Steere Present: Stephen Rogers produced a Certificate from Pembrook m^ly meet^g signifying his Clearness in respect of marriage: And he with Lydia Lapham appeared in this meet^g and Declared their Intentions of taking each other in marriage,

The Com^tee appointed to assist the Women in Respect of Ann Smith's requesting to come under the care of friends, Do report, That they have assisted the women in that affair & it ~~was~~ is their opinion that it is best for her to drop her request.

The Com^tee appointed to discourse with Geo. Comstock & William Bassett: Do report that they find nothing to hender their being accepted under the care of Friends. Therefore they are accepted under the care of this meeting.

Mijamin Taft Junr. who requested at last prepar^ve m^g^t to come under the care of friends, appearing in this meeting & still requesting the same. This meeting appoints Daniel Southwick Adam Harkness & Moses Farnum, to take a solid oppertunity with him concerning it: & make report to next m^o^ly meeting

The Com^tee appointed to Labour with Sam^ll Aldrich concerning his conduct in the affair of setting off a Destrict at the North end of Uxbridge. Have made report in writing which is accepted & is as follows (viz) We the Com^tee app^d to Labour with Sam^ll Aldrich concerning his Conduct in the aff^r of setting off a Destrict at the North End of Uxbridge Having met with him and made Enquiry do find that he hath busied himself too much in that aff^r & we have Examin^d the Petition sent to the general court concerning it. and we think the principal thing petition for was an accommodation to Settle a Minister, and if S^d Sam^ll wrote these words on S^d Petition viz We of the People called Quakers, Do consent that the northend of Uxbridge be set off as a destrict or words to the same Import & Sign^d his name thereto with four others who were not of our Society, which we think is not a real Truth in it self, and shews too much of a spirit consenting to help carry on that work which conduct we think he ought to condemn. — Tho Steere, Daniel Southwick, Uriah Mowry, Adam Harkness, Benj^a Arnold Tho Lapham Jr. Elisha Thornton

And This meeting appoints Benjamin, Cook, Sabez Wing, William Buffum, & Ezekiel Comstock. to further Labour with him & make Report to next m^o^ly meet^g.

The Reference Concerning Noah White is still continued under the care of Moses Farnum. And he to make report to next m^o^ly meet^g.

Our Friend John Sleeper was at this meet^g on a religious visit, & his Certificate from friends at Burlington was read. all which was kindly accepted.

Thos Lapham Junr Clerk.

1772 At Our Monthly meetg. of Friends held in Smithfield ye 25th 6th month 1772. The meeting being conveen^d. The Rep^rs. are Benjamin Arnold & Benjamin Cook Present –

The Com^tee appointed to discourse with Mijamin Taft Junr. make report that they have Discoursed with him Concerning his request; And find nothing to hender his being Rec^d. as a member of this meeting, who is accepted accordingly.

Stephen Rogers & Lydia Lapham appeared in this meeting & Rec^d. their Answer in order for marriage, and Thomas Steere & Uriah Mowry are appointed to see said marriage accomplished. And make Report to next monthly meeting.

Two of the Com^tee appointed to Labour with Samuel Aldrich. make report that they have Labour^d. with him, and he not giving them satisfaction. But he desired that friend would wait on him. Therefore it is refer^d. to next m^o.ly meet^g. & the same friends are still Continued to further Labour with Him and to make report to next m^o.ly meet^g.

The matter Concerning Noah White is again Refer^d under the care of Moses Farnum, & he to make report to next m^o.ly meet^g.

Two of the Com^tee formerly appointed to inspect the Circumstance of Lawrance Southwick, And to assist him in placing out some of his Children: Make report that they have visited him & Labour^d. that he might put some of his Children out; But it has not had the desired effect. They also inform that his Circumstances are Distressing for Bread. said Com^tee are dismised, And notwithstanding he doth not Comply with friends Advice. Respecting putting out his Children. Yet as he wants Bread. This meet^g. appoints Adam Harkness, to afford him some releif as he shall think proper. and make report [illegible]

Daniel Southwick Benj^a Arnold Moses Farnum & George Arnold are appointed to attend the next Quarterly meeting – The Queries were read and Answer^d. & the answers are ordered to be carried to the next Q^rly meeting, and an acc^t to the same was drawn & sign^d by the Clerk who was Moses Farnum for this day.

Recorded by Thomas Lapham Jn^r Clerk

1772 At Our Monthly meeting of Friends held in Smithfield the 30th 7th month 1772 The meeting being Convened the Repsts. are Benja. Arnold & Adam Harkness present.

Seth Shearman & Mary Harkness appeared in this meetg. and declared their Intentions of taking each other in marriage and Benjamin Buffum & Elisha Thornton are appointed to Inquire into his Clearness in Respect of marriage and to make report to next mthly meetg.

Rec. Epistles, One from our last Qrly meetg. A Transcript of one from the last Yearly meeting at Rhodeisland. & Eleven Printed ones from London. which were kindly Accepted.

Tho. Steere & Uriah Mowry: Do make Report that the marriage of Stephen Rogers was accomplished in an orderly manner.

The Comtee. appointed to Labour with Samuel Aldrich do report. That they have Labour'd. with him & ~~that~~ He sent a paper to this meeting, which is referr'd. & the same Comtee. Continued to further Labour with him and make report to next mthly meetg.

The matter concerning Noah White is still Continued under the care of Moses Farnum, & he to make report to next mthly meetg.

This meetg. Considering the Proposals from the Reparative meeting Concerning Slaves. Do appoint. Moses Farnum Thomas Lapham Jun. Elisha Thornton, Daniel Aldrich David Buffum & George Arnold, a Comtee. to visit all friends belonging to this meeting that ~~holds slaves~~ Owns Negroes as Slaves; And make Report to next mthly meetg.

Tho Lapham Jun. Clerk

At Our Monthly meeting of Friends held in Smithfield the 27th of the 8th m. 1772. The meetg. being Convened. The Repsts. are Benja. Cook & Wm. Buffum present. Walter Walker produced a Certificate from Sandwich Mthly meetg. Signifying ~~that~~ his being a member there of, and that he hath settled his outward affairs to satisfaction which was read & he taken under the care of this meetg.

Benja. Buffum & Elisha Thornton make Report that they find nothing to hender Seth Shearman from proceeding in marriage with Mary Harkness, And They appear'd in this meetg. and Rec'd. their answer in order for marriage. & Benja. Buffum & Elisha Thornton are appointed to see said marriage Consumated & to make report to next mthly meetg.

The Comtee

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8th Month

The Comtee appointed to Labour with Samuel Aldrich Do. Report, that by his not meeting with them according to agreement they have not had a Conference with him. Therefore they are continued for that service, and to Report to next mthly meeting.

Moses Farnum, makes Report that he hath supplied Noah White, with some necessaries which he stood in need of, and he is ordered to make up his account, and apply to this mthly meetg for his pay, and he is dismist from that service

And Adam Harkness & Jonathan Farnum are appointed a standing Comtee to have the oversight of the Poor among us and they to apply to this meeting when need requires.

This meeting prepared two letters one for Isaac Killey & one for Nathan Comstock, Concerning their Purchasing Lands at East Hoosuck, which are ordered to be signd by the Clerk & sent to them.

A Transcript of an Epistle from London was read and kindly accepted.

The Comtee Appointed to visit friends that own Negroes as slaves, Do Report that they have visited all such that belong to this meeting. And that Three Slaves are set at Liberty, & Encouragement given for more. Therefore said Comtee is still Continued for that service, & to Report to next mthly meetg.

Robert Wilkinson who requested at last Preparative meeting to come under the care of friends, appeared in this meetg and still Requesting the same this meeting appoints Benja. Cook, Tho Lapham Junr. & Oziel Wilkinson, to discourse him Concerning the motive of his said request, and make Report to next mthly meetg.

Uriah Mowry Complains of Ebenezer Ballam for not using of him well in a letter Dated the 5th 8th mo 1772. And this meeting Considering of the same Do appoint, Tho Steere Adam Harkness Jona Arnold Junr. Elisha Thornton & Joseph Buffum a Comtee to hear & Determine that affair, And make Report to next mthly meeting.

Tho Lapham Junr Clerk

1772 At Our Monthly meeting of Friends held in Smithfield the 24th 9th month 1772. The meeting being Conveen.d The Repre.tors ~~were~~ are Benj.a Arnold & Jabez Wing Present.

The friends appointed to discourse with Robert Wilkinson Do report that they have discoursed with him & Think it may be well to receive him under the care of Friends. Therefore he is Rec.d under the care of this meeting.

John Holdine who requested at last Reparative meeting to come under the care of Friends appearing in this meeting & still requesting the same. This meeting appoints Benj.a Arnold: Thos Lapham Jun.r & Jonathan Arnold, to discourse with him concerning his said request. And make report to next m.ly meeting —

Rec.d Transcripts of Epistles, One from Philadelphia, One from Flushing: & One from Mark Reveces. to the Negroes at New ~~England~~ port & other part of New England which were read & kindly accepted.

The friends appointed to see the Marriage of Seth Sheurman Consumated Do report that it was Consumumated in an Orderly manner. The Com.tee appointed to labour with Samuel Aldrich. Do report that they have Labour.d with him & ~~being~~ are satisfied that he sincerely condemns his misconduct, ~~Therefore~~ Yet this meet.g refers the same till next m.ly meet.g for Consideration. —

The Com.tee appointed to ~~Visit~~ Labour with those that have Negroes. Do Report that they have done nothing since last m.ly m.gt by reason that they understood Stephen Hopkins. attended the Court. & thought he could not attend on ~~O~~ their Visit. Therefore they are still Continued for y.e Service. And to make report to next M.ly meet.g.

The Com.tee appointed to Inspect the matter between Uriah Mowry & Ebenezar Callam, Do report which is accepted & is as follows —

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9th m.

The Proposal from the Preparative meetg. concerning providing a place for fire in the meetg House at Providence was Considered and this meetg. appoints Benja Arnold Tho. Steere, Daniel Southwick, Oziel Wilkinson & Tho Lapham Junr. a Comtee to go and Consult with friends at Providence, concerning it, And make report to next mly meetg. This meeting Adjourns to the 5th day of next week.

The meeting met according to adjournment.

This Meeting of the matter from the Preparative meeting Respecting choosing visiters. Do appoint Moses Farnum Benja Arnold Tho. Lapham Junr & Elisha Thornton to visit friends families, and the meetings belong to this mly meetg, And the former visiters are dismist from their appointment.

This meetg. appoints, Ezekiel Comstock Daniel Aldrich George Comstock & Adam Harkness a Comtee to view this meetg. House and shingle the same if they think it necessary.

The Comtee appointed to consult with friends at Providence about providing a place for fire in the meeting House, not having fully Considered the same they are Continued, And to report to next mly meetg.

This meeting appoints Daniel Aldrich & Jona Farnum to Inquire concerning Amos Southgate's removing to Bolton & to provide a Certificate for him & bring to next mly meetg.*

Tho Lapham Junr Clerk.

* The Queries were read, and an act. to the 2dly meetg was drawn and Signd. by the Clerk Elisha Thornton Tho. Lapham Junr. David Buffum & Jona Arnold Junr. are appointed to attend the next 2dly meetg.

At Our Monthly meeting of friends held in Smithfield 29th 10th mo. 1772. The meeting being conveend. The Repts. are, Adam Harkness George Smith & David Steere present. Our Friend Samuel Nottingham. was at this meeting on a Religious visit and his Certificate from New York mly meetg. the 2d of the 9th mo. last was read. and all to good satisfaction.

The Comtee appointed to discourse with John Holdine Do report that they have discoursed with him and think it might be best that for him to be taken under the care of friends Therefore he is Recd under the care of this meeting.

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10th month

An Epistle from our last D.ly meet.g And one of John Woolmans to the D.ly ~~meet.g~~ & Monthly meet.g of friends was read and kindly accepted.

The matter against Samuel Aldrich is again Refer.d and David Buffum, George Comstock & David Steere are appointed to further Labour with him: And make report to next M.ly meet.g.

The Com.tee appointed to Labour for the freedom of Slaves, Do report that they have visited all the Owners belong to this meeting, And one Slave has been set at Liberty. Therefore they are still continued for that service. And to make report to next m.ly meet.g.

Five of the Com.tee appointed to Consider~~ation~~ of the necessity of Providing a place for fire in the meeting House at Providence. Do report that they think it best not to do any thing about it at present which is accepted

Daniel Aldrich & Jon.a Harnum, not having Provided a Certificate for Amos Southgate, by Reason that Jon.a is gone a broad with some friends. Therefore they are still Continued for y.t service & to make report to next m.ly meet.g.

~~On~~ the Request of some friends at Leicester this meeting appoints a meeting to be held there on the fourth day of ever week except preparative & Monthly meet.g weeks

The matter from the Prepa.tive meeting respecting appointing Thomas Lapham Jun.r an Elder, is refer.d till next m.ly meeting for Consideration.

The prepar.tive meeting Informing that the women Desire the men to appoint a Com.tee to Join with them to visit those that have married out of the order of friends. And the same is refer.d to next m.ly meet.g for Consideration.

This meet.g gave a few lines by way of Certificate to Sam.ll Nottingham, Signifying our Unity & satisfaction with him in his visit among us. which was Sign.d by the Clerk in behalf of this meeting

Thomas Lapham Jun.r Clerk

1772 At Our Monthly meeting of friends held in Smithfield 26th 11th mo 1772 The meeting being Conveen^d The Rep^rs are Thomas Steere & George Smith Present.

Samuel Arnold sent a paper to this meeting condemning his former Conduct wherein he deviated from the Truth Particularly his out goings in marriage Language & Apparel. which was to the Satisfaction of friends. Provided it be read at the Close of a first day meeting at the Old meeting House.

Stephen Steere & Job Scott who requested at last Prepar^ve meeting to come under the care of Friends. appearing in this meet^g. and still requesting the same. This meeting appoints Benj^a Arnold Jon^a Arnold Oziel Wilkinson, Moses Farnum & Augustus Lapham to take a soled oppertunity with them Concerning their requests. and make report to next m^ly meet^g.

The Com^tee appointed to Labour with Samuel Aldrich do report that they have Laboured with him. And are not fully satisfied. in his Sincerity in his Condemning his misconduct Therefore they are Dismist. and that matter is Refer^d to next m^ly meeting for Consideration.

The Com^tee appointed to Labour for the freedom of Slaves Do make report. That they have further Labour^d in that service. But no more are set at Liberty. And but one Suitable for freedom, according to the sense of the 10th Query that Remains in bondage. And that one held by Stephen Hopkins, Wherefore this meet^g. dismises said Com^tee from that Service. And refers the matter concerning said Hopkins to the Consideration of next m^ly meet^g.

This meeting Adjourns to the 5th day of next week The meeting met according to Adjournment.

The Friends appointed to Enquire. Concerning Amos Southgate's moving to Bolton, and to provide a Certificate for him. Do report that they are not satisfied about his Conduct while among us Therefore they are still Continued to Inspect his conduct & Labour with him, And make report to next m^ly meeting.

The Matter Respecting Choosing Thomas Lapham Junr an Elder was Considered & he is appointed in that station. And the same Ordered to be inserted in the next acc^t to the Q^rly meeting

The matter Concerning Choosing a Com^tee to Join the women invisiting such as have married out of the order of Friends was Considered. & this meeting appoints David Buffum Jon^a

1772 Jonathan Arnold George Comstock & Oziel Wilkinson to Join
11th mo. with the visiters in that service And also to visit friends as have Consented to their Children's marrying out of the order of Friends, and not less than two to go together when they make such visits. And they with the visiters to make report to this meetg. of their service, when they think proper, not exceeding four months.

The Preparve. meeting Informing that friends at Uxbridge Desire to have a preparative meeting at the Brick meeting House, And the same being Considered this meeting appoints a preparative meeting to be held there, on every 6th day of the week preceeding the mly meeting week. And also ~~that they hold~~ a week Day meeting to be held there on the 6 Day of every week except mly meeting week.

And also, a meeting to be held at Woonsoket on ever fifth day in every ~~in the~~ weeks.

Whereas Lawrance Southwick Jnr. hath met with an extraordinary wound in his leg, which hath Occasioned a great Expence for Surgeons &c. Therefore this meeting recommends it to the particular meetings to raise 30 pounds Lawful money for him, & send up to next mly meeting If they find freedom so to do

Thomas Lapham Jnr. Clerk

At Our Monthly meeting of Friends held in Smithfield 31st
12th month 1772. The meeting being Conveend. The Repts. are from Smithfield Benja. Arnold & Benja. Cook. From Uxbridge Daniel Aldrich & Jona. Farnum ~~Pres~~ The Comtee. appointed to discourse with Stephen Steere & Job Scott, Do report that they think it best to Receive Job Scott under the care of Friends. Therefore he is Recd. under the care of this mgt. and that Stephen Steere's Request be Referd. for Consideration. which is accordingly Referd.

The matter concerning Samuel Aldrich, is again referd. to next monthly meeting for further Consideration.

The matter concerning Stephen Hopkins's holding a Negroe woman as a Slave was Considered, & Thomas Steere Daniel Southwick Wm. Buffum Jona. Farnum & Oziel Wilkinson are appointed to treat with Him Concerning the Freedom of said Negroe woman & make report to next mly meetg.

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12 month

Friends not having generally Subscribed towards raising something for Lawrance Southwick Junr. The same is Referd till next Mo.ly mgt

Whereas David Farnum Requested at Uxbridge Preparative meeting to come under the care of Friends, and appearing in this meeting and still requesting the same, This meeting appoints Adam Harkness Daniel Southwick & George Smith to take a Solid oppertunity with him concerning it, and make Report to next mo.ly meetg.

Ebenezer Callam's Paper sent to last mo.ly meetg. was read & This meeting Appoints Daniel Aldrich George Comstock, Gardner Earl & Wm. Bassett, to take an oppertunity with him concerning it and make report to next mo.ly meetg.

This meetg. Adjourns to the 10 Hour to morrow morning

The meetg. met according to adjourment

This meeting concludes to contribute £1..16..0 towards the repairing South Kingston meeting Houses, And Moses Farnum offering to Advance the money. He is ordered to Deliver it to the Qrly meeting for that use, and this meeting will be accountable to him for the same.

Uriah Mowry sent a Paper to this meetg. acknowledging his misconduct in the affair with Ebenr. Callam, which is referd to next mo.ly meetg. by reason some friends have a mind to Discourse with him.

The Comtee appointed Respecting Amos Southgate. Do report that his conduct appears to have been not agreeable to friends Profession. And he does not appear willing to condemn it. But this meeting appoints George Arnold & Wm. Buffum to further Labour with Him and make report to next mo.ly meetg.

The Queries was Read and Answerd, and an acct. to the next Qrly meetg was Drawn & Signd by the Clerk, And Moses Farnum Jona Arnold Benjn Arnold & Elisha Thornton, are appointed to attend said Qrly mgt.

Our Overseers of the Poor do report that Lawnce Southwick refuses their Advice. Therefore Thomas Steere & George Comstock are appointed to visit him and make report to next mo.ly meetg.

Thomas Lapham Junr Clerk

1773. At Our Monthly meeting of Friends held in Smithfield the 28 day of the 5th mo 1773 The meeting being Convend. The Repr. appearing are from Smithfield ~~Benja Cook &~~ Jabez Wing from Uxbridge Daniel Aldrich & Moses Farnum

The request of Stephen Steere is referd. to next mly meetg. for Consideration.

The matter Concerning Samuel Aldrich is again referd till next mly meetg. for further Consideration.

The Comtee. appointed to Treat with Stephen Hopkins Do report that he desires friends not to act Hastily Therefore the same is referd to next mly mgt.

This meetg. Appoints Moses Farnum to receive the money raised at the several meetgs for Lawrance Southwick Junr. and to see the same applied for the use intended and make report to next mly meetg.

Two of the Comtee. appointed to confer with David Farnum Do report that they beleive that he was sincere in his request. Therefore he is Accepd. a member of this meetg.

The Friends appointed to take an oppertunity with Ebenr. Callum Concerning his paper sent to this meetg. in the 11th mo. last. Do report that they have had an oppertunity with him, and that he appeard. to them as one full of himself and wanted nothing. Therefore not satisfactory to them and no friend appearing to desire further Labour with him this meetg. disowns him as a member. And Moses Farnum & Elisha Thornton are appointed to draw up a Testimony of his Denial & bring to next mly meetg.

The Friends who Desired to have an oppertunity with Uriah Mowry having had an oppertunity to their Satisfaction. Therefore this meeting accepts his paper & continues him under their care.

The Comtee. appointed to Labour with Amos Southgate, Do report that they have had an oppertunity with him, and he not appearing free to condemn part of which was his attending a millitary muster, And he not desiring friends to wait any longer on him. Therefore this meetg. puts him from under their care until he makes suitable Satisfaction. And Wm. Buffum is appointed to Inform him of his Denial and Draw a Testimony thereof and bring to next mly meeting.

Tho ~~Steere~~ & George Comstock, Report yt. they have visited L Southwick and that he consents to put several of his Children out.

Recd. The Epistle from the last Qrly meetg. which was read and well accepted.

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1773 Antepas Earl sent a paper to this meet.g Condemning his misconduct in Marriage Language apparel Behaviour &c. which was accepted for satisfaction for his out goings: And Moses Farnum is appointed to read the same at the Close of a Publick meeting at Leicester. & make Report to next m.ly meet.g —

All the business from Smithfield Prepar.ve meet.g is Refer.d to next m.ly meet.g Except that against Nehemiah Shearman for reporting a matter of Scandal against his Neighbour John Gouldthwait. And y.t it is reported that he hath Contradicted his own words in that affair. Therefore this meet.g appoints Tho Steere George Smith Benj.a Arnold. Jon.a Arnold & George Comstock. to Enquire into y.t affair. And make Report to next m.ly meeting —

A Compl.t being bro.t from Uxbridge Prepar.ve meet.g against Nathaniel Potter, for several times setting with his hat on when friends have been concern.d to pray Publickly, and in speaking hard words against them. Therefore this meet.g appoint Benj.a Arnold — Elisha Thornton & Thomas Lapham Jun.r To Labour with him — and make Report to next m.ly meeting —

Tho Lapham Jun.r Clerk

At Our Monthly meet.g held in Smithfield the 25 day of the 2.d m.o 1773. The meet.g being Conven.d The Rep.s are from the prepar.ve m.gts from Smithfield Benj.a Arnold & David Buffum. & from Uxbridge Jon.a Farnum & Gardener Earl & Seth Aldrich.

Elisha Thornton & Anna Read appeared in this meeting and declared their Intentions of Taking each other in marriage, and W.m Buffum & George Arnold are appointed to Inquire into his Clearness in that Respect. And make Report to next m.ly meeting.

John Wing and Margaret Buffum appear.d in this meet.g, and Declared their Intentions of taking each other in marriage. & George Comstock & Jon.a Arnold are appointed to Enquire into his Clearness in that Respect. & make report to next m.ly meet.g —

Richard Mowry (son of Joseph) who requested at last prepar.ve meeting to come under the care of friends, appearing in this meeting and still Requesting the same. This meet.g appoints David Steere Jon.a Farnum & W.m Bassett. to Inquire into his Life & Conversation and take a solid opportunity Concering his said Request. & make Report to next m.ly meeting —

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The Request of Stephen Steere is again refer^d. for further consideration. The matter concerning Samuel Aldrich is again Refer^d. and Jon^a Farnum George Smith & Gardener Earl are appointed to take an opportunity with him, and make Report to next m^ly meet^g.

The matter against Stephen Hopkins ~~[illegible]~~ is again refer^d for further Consideration till next m^ly meet^g.

Moses Farnum not having fully Compleated the business of Receiving and applying of the money Collected for L Southwick Junr. Therefore he is Continued for that service, and to make report when finished.

Moses Farnum & Elisha Thornton presented a Testimony of Ebenezer Callam's Denial which was read & approved, & Sign^d. by the Clerk. And the reading of it publickly is Refer^d till further order from this m^g^t and Ezekiel Comstock is appointed to Inform him of the same.

Uriah Mowry sent to last M^ly meet^g Desiring to be dismist from the place of an Elder, which hath now come under consideration, and this m^g^t being inform^d. that he still continues of the same mind. Therefore he is dismist accordingly. Wm Buffum Reports that he hath not had opportunity to Inform Amos Southgate of the proceedings of this meet^g. against him Therefore he is still Continued for said Service, & to make report to next monthly meeting.

Moses Farnum reports that he read the paper from Antepas Earl according to appointment.

The Com^tee appointed to Inquire into the cause of the Complaint bro^t. against Nehemiah Shearman Do report as follows (viz).

We the Com^tee that were appointed to Inspect the case between Nehemiah Shearman and John Gouldthwait, have met and had an opportunity with them, And it is our Opinion that Nehemiah Shearman hath wrongfully Reported matter of Scandal against his neighbour John Gouldthwait, And Likewise Contradicted him self in talking about it. And he Denies the whole of the Charge against Him.

Thomas Steere,
Benjamin Arnold
George Comstock
George Smith & Jonathan Arnold Junr.

And that affair is refer^d to next m^ly meet^g. for Consideration.

The Com^tee appointed to Labour with Nathaniel Potter Do report that they have Labour^d with him and that he appear^d in a pretty good disposition. Tho not free to fully condemn the conduct he was complain^d. of. Therefore the same is refer^d to next m^ly meeting for Consideration.

This meeting Adjourns to the fifth Day of next week.

The meeting is in being according to Adjournment.

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Friends at Scituate desiring to have a meeting on every first day and every forth day of the week except monthly & prepar.ve meet.g weeks which is granted: and this meeting appoints Moses Farnum Jon.a Arnold Thomas Lapham Jun.r Benj.a Arnold & George Arnold, to visit the meeting at Scituate & Consult friends there about suitable places to hold the meetings at. And to report to next m.ly meet.g

The Prepar.ve meeting Informing that the Old meeting House wants same repairing, whereupon this meet.g appoints Benjamin Arnold Jon.a Arnold & Tho Lapham Jun.r to Inspect the same & repair what is necessary & make report when accomplished

The matter from the Prepar.ve meet.g respecting building stables at our meeting House was Consider.d, and Thomas Steere George Moses Farnum Tho Lapham Jun.r Benj.a Arnold Wm. Buffum & Ezekiel Comstock are appointed to Consider how much stabling will be necessary, And Inspect the Title of the meeting House lot at Wonsoket, And make report to next m.ly meet.g

Smithfield Prepar.ve meeting informing that Jon.a Harris hath Possest himself of a Negroe man Contrary to our rules, and friends having Labour.d with him for to bring him to a sense of his mistep but he has not as yet been prevaild upon to make friends Satisfaction. Therefore Daniel Southwick George Smith Wm. Bassett & David Steere, to further Labour with him and make report to next m.ly meeting

A Complaint being bro.t from Uxbridge Preparative meeting, against Benjamin Buffum Jun.r for Disorderly walking in running on to vain & wicked company, And there behaving loosly to the Scandal of friends, And he having been Labour.d with to reclaim him, but it hath not had its desired effect — Therefore, Elisha Thornton George ~~Smith~~ Comstock & George Arnold are appointed to further Labour with Him, and make report to next m.ly meeting.

Gideon Harris sent a paper to this meet.g condemning his neglect in not Informing his daughter that it was contrary to Truth for her to marry out of the good order of Friends, which Paper was read and accepted for Satisfaction on that acc.t

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The major part of the Comtee appointed some time past to Labour with Benj.a Lapham, Concerning his purchasing Land at Hoosuck, Do report that they have Discoursed with Him of late & he appearing somewhat condescending, And he sent a paper to this meeting Condemning his purchasing as he did, And his giving way to a hasty disposition when taken under dealing, But it appearing not so hearty as could be desired. Therefore the same is Refer.d till friends are further satisfied Concerning him.

Thomas Lapham Jun.r Clerk

At Our Monthly meet.g of Friends held in Smithfield the 25th day 3 m.o 1773. The meeting being Conven.d The Rep.s appearing are from Smithfield George Smith & David Buffum, From Uxbridge Daniel Southwick & Dan.l Aldrich. The Friends appointed to Inquire into the Clearness of Elisha Thornton and John Wing Respecting marriage Do report that they find nothing to hender their proceeding according to their Intentions at last m.ly meeting, & they with Anna Read & Margaret Buffum appear.d in this meet.g and rec.d their Answer in order for marriage. & the same friends are appointed to see the same Consumated. & make report to next m.ly meeting.

The friends appointed on the Request of Richard Mowry Do report that they have made Inquiry, and find nothing to hender his Being a member among friends. Therefore this meeting Recieves him under their care.

The Request of Stephen Steere is again Refer.d to next m.ly meeting for further Consideration.

George Smith & Jon.a Farnum Do report That they have had an opportunity with Sam.l Aldrich. But it was not to their Satisfaction. Therefore they are still continued for that service, & to make report to next m.ly meet.g.

The matter Concerning Stephen Hopkins's holding a Negro woman as a slave, was Consider.d. And as he still refuses to set her at Liberty tho often requested. This meeting puts him from under their care, and appoints Moses Farnum & George Comstock to draw up a paper of Denial against him & bring to next m.ly meet.g. And Benj.a Arnold & Thomas Lapham Jun.r are appointed to Inform said Hopkins of the above Conclusion, and make Report to next m.ly meet.g.

Ebenezer Callam desires an appeal from the Judgment of this meet.g against him, which is granted. And George Comstock Moses Farnum and George Smith are appointed to represent the case to the Qu.ly meeting in behalf of this meeting. This meet.g Adjourns to the ninth Hour to morrow morning.

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The meeting is in being according to Adjournment.

Wm. Buffum reports that he hath Informd Amos Southgate by Letter of the proceedings of this meetg against him. And also hath brot a paper of Denial against him, which was read, signd by the Clerks. And the reading of it in Publick is referd till further order from this meetg.

The matter against Nehemiah Shearman was considered & Daniel Aldrich Samuel Arnold & Jona Farnum are appointed to Labour with him. And make report to next mthly meetg.

The matter against Nathaniel Potter, was considered, and as the traveling is difficult and he not at this meetg the same is referd to next mthly meetg for further Consideration.

The Comtee appointed to consider of suitable Places to hold the meetings at, at Seituate Do report yt they med with friends, and concluded that the meeting be held at Gideon Harris's, every first day and on fourth days at David Steeres.

The Comtee appointed about Stabling; Do report that they think it Necessary that 100 foot of Stabling be built at wonsoket meeting House: And 60 foot at the Old meeting House & 50 foot at the Brick meeting House: And this meeting appoints Geo. Comstock Ezekl Comstock, George Arnold. Samuel Arnold Augustus Lapham Jona Farnum & Seth Aldrich Junr to build sd Stabling at the plans above mentioned, and make report when finished.

And said Comtee reports that the Title is such of wonsoket meeting House Lot that friends may proceed to build stabling.

And this meeting appoints Thomas Steere & Ezekiel Comstock to revise the bounds of sd meeting House Lot; and make an addition to said Lot if it may be Purchased reasonably, and make report when finished.

The Comtee appointed to Labour with Jona Harris, Do report that he hath given a manumission setting his negroe free. Therefore that matter is dismist & sd Jona continued a member of this meetg.

The Comtee to Labour with Benjamin Buffum Junr Do report that they have Discoursed with him, and he acknowledges himself guilty of the matters Complaind of. And seemd desirous to conduct better for the time to come. Therefore the same is referd to next mthly meetg for Consideration.

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George Arnold and Thomas Lapham Jun.r who was Desired to Settle acct. with Moses Farnum, Do report that there remains due on Ballance at this time to Moses Farnum £19. 4. 1. Lawful money.

By the request of Friends at Providence this meeting appoints a meeting to be held there on the fifth day of every week except m.ly and Prepar.ve meet.g weeks, and to begin at the 11th hour.

A Comp.t being bro.t from the prepara.ve meet.g against Wm. Barker for placing out one or two of his Sons from among friends, wherefore this meeting appoints, Ben.a Arnold Jon.a Arnold Oziel Wilkinson & Job Scott to Labour with him Concerning it, And make report to next m.ly meeting.

By the request of some friends this meeting ~~appoints~~ adds a fourth day meeting to be held at Mary Smiths in Attendon on every 3d ~~fifth~~ 4th day from the m.ly meet.g. when it happens to be 5 weeks from one m.ly meet.g to another.

By a request, of some Friends this meeting appoints a meeting to be held at Thomas Steere's, on every first 3d & 5th first days of the week in every month; And at Elisabeth Aldrich's, every second & fourth first day of the week in every month.

A Comp.t being bro.t from the Prepara.ve meeting against Benj.a Aldrich for taking and killing a Sheep not his own, Whereupon this meeting appoints Wm. Buffum George Comstock, & Geo. Arnold, to Labour with him Concern it and make Report to next m.ly meet.g.

This meeting sent a Paper to Friends at Hoopuck, Advising friends to desist from holding their Publick meeting &c, which was sign.d by the Clerk in behalf of this meeting.

This meeting sent a few lines to Oblong m.ly m.g.t. Concerning Wm. Nichols's keeping Company with a woman in our parts not of our Society, Which was Sign.d by the Clerk in behalf of this meet.g

The Com.tee appointed to Labour with those that have married out of the order of friends - Do Report that they have made some progress in the same

Therefore they are still continued for that service, And to make report to this meet.g when they think proper, not exceeding four months -

The Queries was read & Answer.d & an act. to the Qu.ly m.g.t was drawn and sign.d in and on behalf of this meet.g by the Clerk. -

The friends appointed to attend the Q.ly meet.g are Jon.a Farnam Oziel Wilkinson, Wm. Buffum Daniel Aldrich David ~~Steere~~ & Wm. Bassett.

Thomas Lapham Jun.r Clerk

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At Our Monthly meeting of Friends held in Smithfield 29th 4th Month 1773 The meeting being Convend. The Representatives are —

From Smithfield. Benjamine Arnold & George Smith.

From Uxbridge Benj.a Buffum & Jon.a Farnum.

Walter Walker & Thankfull Wing appear.d and Declared their Intentions of taking each other in marriage. and This meet.g appoints David Steere & Richard Mowry to Inquire into his Clearness in that respect. & make report to next Monthly meet.g —

Nathaniel Aldrich & Rachel Aldrich appeard in ~~the~~ and Declared their Intentions of taking each other in marriage, and this meet.g app.ts David Farnum & Jon.a Farnum to Inquire into his Clearness in that respect. & make report to next m.ly meet.g.

The Friends appointed to see the marriages of John Wing & Elisha Thornton Consumated. Do report that the ~~y were~~ Consumated in a good Degree Orderly.

The Request of Stephen Steere was again Considered & this meeting dismisses his said Request. & appoints Wm. Bassett to Inform him of the same & make return ~~to next~~ m.ly meeting

The friends appointed to further Labour with Samuel Aldrich Do report that they have further visited him. and are not fully satisfied Therefore the same is refer.d to next m.ly meeting. —

The Friends appointed to Draw a Testimony of Stephen Hopkins's Denial have Drawn one which was read and refer.d to next m.ly meet.g for Consideration, Benj.a Arnold & Tho. Lapham Jun.r. make report that they have not Inform.d Stephen Hopkins according to appointment — by reason that he was not at home. when they went at several time — Therefore they are Continued for the same & to make report to next m.ly m.g.t

The Friends appointed to Labour with Nehemiah Shearman Do report that they have Labour.d with him, and that he still denies the Charge against him, But he sent a paper to this meeting somewhat condemning his misconduct. Therefore the matter is refer.d to the next m.ly meet.g.

The matter against Nathaniel Potter was consider.d, and as nothing appears from him to the satisfaction of this meet.g and no friend appearing, Desirous to further Labour with him, And as he has not been prevaild upon to condemn all his misconduct. This meeting puts him from under their care. until he make Satisfaction.

The matter against Benj.a Buffum Jun.r is again refer.d to next m.ly meeting. by his fathers request.

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The Comtee appointed to Labour with Benjamin Aldrich Do report yt they have Labourd with him. And he appeard willing to condemn the matter laid to his Charge: wherefore the matter is referd to next mly meetg for Consideration.

Whereas there is a Complaint brot from the Preparative meeting against Thomas Lewis, for walking disorderly, In absenting himself from our meetings, and attending others. And that is reported that he hath sometimes taken strong Drink to excess &c. Whereupon this meeting appoints Tho Steere Daniel Southwick & Moses Farnum, to Labour with him about it. And make report to next mly meetg.

This meetg Considering of the proposal of moving this preparative meeting to the Old meeting House, Do agree that Friends hold a prepave meeting Seperate from this, at the Old meeting House, on the 4th day of the week before ~~this~~ mly meeting week, and that one be continued at this House as usual.

This meeting being Informd by the prepave meetg that Ezra Bartlet, hath several times appeard in a wrong Disposition in discoursing against particular friends &c. Whereupon this meetg appoints, Jona Arnold Wm Buffum & Wm Bassett to Labour with Him concerning it, and make report to next mly meetg. By a Request from friends at Richmond this meeting appoints a meeting to be held there every fourth day of the week

This meetg appoints Thos Steere Ezekiel Comstock, Antepas Earl & Gardener Earl, to take new Deeds, of Wensoket & Leicester meeting House Lots, and make report to this meetg when accomplished.

The proposal of making an addition to friends meeting House lot at Uxbridge is referd to next mly meetg for consideration.

The prepve mgt Informing that Daniel Read of Richmond hath taken strong drink to excess at several times, and absented himself from meetings &c. Where upon this meeting appoints Elisha Thornton Moses Farnum Wm Buffum & Jona Farnum to Labour with him concerning it and make report to next mly meetg.

The Friends appointed to Labour with Wm Barker concerning his placing out some of his Children. Do report that they have had a Conference with him, And that he did not appear in a Suitable ~~Condi~~ Disposition to make friends Satisfaction. Therefore the same is referd till next mly meeting, for Consideration.

Tho Lapham Junr Clerk

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At Our Monthly meeting of Friends held in Smithfield th 27th 5th month 1773 The meeting being Conven.d the Repr.s appearing from the Prepar.ve meetings are

From Smithfield upper House. George Comstock & Geo. Smith.

From Uxbridge: Stephen Aldrich David Farnum & Levi Taft.

From Smithfield Lower House. David Steere & Tho Lapham Jun.r

The Epistle from Our last Qrly meet.g was & the advice therein kindly accepted. This meeting Adjourns to the 5th day of next ~~week~~ month to begin at the 9th Hour.

The meeting is in being, again this 5th of the 6th m.o 1773 —

The Friends appointed to Inquire into the Clearness of Walter Walker in Respect of marriage. Do report that, by Inquiry they find nothing to hender his Proceeding in marriage with Thankfull Wing — And they appear.d and Rec.d their Answer in order for marriage — and David Steere & Richard Mowry are appointed to see the same Consumated, & make Report to next m.o.ly meeting —

The Com.tee appointed to see in to the Clearness of Nathaniel Aldrich respecting matriage. Do Report as they have sounds things, by Inquiry and nothing appearing Sufficient to stop his proceeding in marriage with Rachel Aldrich. And They appear.d and Rec.d their answer in order for marriage. and David Farnum & Jon.a Farnum are appointed to see the same Consumated, and make Report to next m.o.ly meeting —

The matter against Sam.ll Aldrich, Refer.d to this meet.g was Considered, and a paper of Acknowledment was Read & Accepted, Provided he cause it to be Read at the Close of a Publick meet.g of Friends at Uxbridge & North Bridge, and he be there Present, And set a Copy of said Paper at the Court House in Boston, at the time of the General Courts setting.

A Testimony of Stephen Hopkins's Denial, Refer.d to this m.g was Read, and again Refer.d to next m.o.ly meet.g for further Consideration

Thomas Lapham Jun.r one who was appointed to Inform Stephen Hopkins of the Proceedings of this meet.g against Him, Reports that he has Inform.d him of same.

The matter against Nehemiah Shearman is again Refer.d and David Steere and Geo. Arnold, are appointed to treat further with him, and make Report to next m.o.ly meet.g. —— The matter against Benj.a Buffum Jun.r was Considered, and as he still neglects to make friends Satisfaction. And no friend appearing to further Labour with Him, This meeting puts him from under their care until he makes friends Satisfaction, and appoints Elisha Thornton & Wm. Buffum to acquaint him of the same, and Draw a Testimony of his Denial, and bring to next m.o.ly meeting

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The matter against Benj^a Aldrich is again Refer^d to next m^o^ly meeting for further Consideration.

The friends appointed to Labour with Thomas Lewis, Do Report that they have Labour^d with him, and that he Confesses himself, to be guilty of the matters Complain^d of, and not appearing in a Disposition to make friends Satisfaction Therefore this meeting puts him from under their Care until he makes Satisfaction, and appoints Thomas Steere & Daniel Southwick to acquaint him of the same, and Draw a Testimony of his Denial and bring to next m^o^ly meet^g.

The Com^tee^ appointed to Labour with Ezra Barttet Do report that they have Labour^d with him, and that he still Continues to Justify himself in the Conduct he was Complain^d of for. Therefore this meeting puts him from under their Care until he makes friend Satisfaction, And appoints Jabez Wing and David Steere to acquaint him of the same, and Draw a Testimony of his Denial and bring to next m^o^ly meet^g.

Wm Bassett Reports that he Inform^d Stephen Steere according to appoi^t^.

The matter Refer^d to this meet^g of making an Addition to the Brick meeting House Lot in Uxbridge, was Consider^d & Tho Steere Jabez Wing & Wm Buffum are appointed, to purchase an addition to said Lot if they think proper — and take a Deed of the same, and make Report to this meet^g when accomplished.

The Com^tee^ appointed to Labour with Daniel Read, not having had an opperturnity with him, by reason he did not come down as was expected — Therefore they are still Continued for that service, and make Report to next m^o^ly meet^g.

This meeting appoints Antipas Earl & George Comstock to acquaint Nathaniel Potter of the Conclusion of Last m^o^ly meet^g against him. And Draw a Testimony of his denial, and bring to next m^o^ly meet^g.

The matter against Wm Barker was Consider^d and as he sent a paper to this meeting Concerning it, This m^g^t appoints Moses Farnum Daniel Aldrich Jon^a^ Farnum & Elisha Thornton, to further Labour with him, and make Report to next m^o^ly meet^g.

The Matter from the Prepar^ve^ meeting Concerning the meeting held at John Medcalf's was Consider^d, and This meet^g appoints, Geo. Smith Ezekiel Comstock William Buffum & Geo. Arnold, to treat with him and Desire him to Discontinue Holding said meet^g. The matt^r^ from the Prep^ve^ meet^g Concerning Discontinueing Tho Smith from the place of an Elder, was Consider^d and Benj^a^ Buffum Benj^a^ Arnold & Tho. Lapham Junr are appointed to treat with him Concerning it, and make Report to next m^o^ly m^g^t.

The Other business from the prepar^ve^ meet^g, is Refer^d to next m^o^ly meet^g.

Tho Lapham Junr Clerk

1773 At Our Monthly meeting of Friends held in Smithfield 24th of 6th month 1773 - The meeting being Conveen.d the Rep.rs from the several Prepar.ve meet.gs are, From Smithfield uper House Adam Harkness & Geo. Smith. From Uxbridge Mijamin Taft & Jon.a Farnum - From Smithfield Lower House. David Steere & Oziel Wilkinson -

The Friends appointed to see the marriages of Walter Walker & Thankfiel Wing, And Nath.l Aldrich & Rachel Aldrich Consumated Do Report that they attended according to appointment, and they were accomplished Orderly -

The matter Concerning the Testimony of Stephen Hopkins's Denial was Considered, and said Testimony was approved of. And Sign.d in behalf of this meeting by Moses Farnum (who is Clerk for this time and the Publick Reading of it is Refer.d till the further order of this meeting, and likewise a paper of Acknowledgement from this meeting, was approv.d of and Sign.d by Moses Farnum as Clerk, and ordered to be read with said Testimony of Denial.

The Friends appointed to Labour with Nehemiah Shearman, make Report, that they have had an oppertunity with Him, & found him not in a Disposition, to make Satisfaction, But he Requested that it might be refer.d to next monthly meeting for further Consideration -

Martha Bowen had a few lines to Swanzy Monthly meeting by way of Certificate. Sign.d by the Clerk -

The friends appointed to Inform Benj.a Buffum Jun.r of the proceedings of this meeting against him - Report that they have not Inform.d him there of. Therefore they are continued for that service, and to make report to next m.ly meet.g. But they have presented a Testimony of his Denial, which was read approved of, and Sign.d by the Clerk, and the Publick Reading there of is refer.d till the further order of this meeting

The matter concerning Benj.a Aldrich came again under consideration and friends not all being Satisfied, with his being restored at this time - Therefore that matter is Refer.d to next m.ly meet.g. And Daniel Southwick Moses Farnum, Adam Harkness, and Elisha Thornton, are appointed to Labour with Him, and make report to next m.ly meet.g -

The friends appointed to Inform Tho Lewis of the Proceedings of this meeting against him &c Do Report that they have not Informed him Therefore they are Continued for that service & to report to next m.ly m.g.t.

The friends appointed to Inform Ezra Bartlet of his Denial &c. Do report that they have Inform.d him, and have Drawn a Testimony of his Denial which was read approved of and Sign.d by the Clerk, and the Publick reading of it is refer.d till further order of from this meet.g -

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The matter concerning Daniel Read is again refer.d for the same Reason and under the same Com.tee care, as it was last m.ly meet.g. And they to report to next m.ly meet.g.

The Friends appointed to Inform Nathaniel Potter of the Proceedings of this meeting against him &c. do make report that they have Inform.d him and also they presented a Testimony of his Denial, which was Read approved of and sign.d by, the Clerk, And the Publick reading of it is refer.d till further order of this meet.g.

The matter against Wm. Barker came under consideration: Three of the Com.tee appointed made report, That he did not appear in a very hard disposition but not altogether Satisfactory Therefore it is refer.d to next monthly meet.g. for further ~~Satisf~~ Consideration. —

The friends appointed to treat with John Metcalf. Do make report that they have treated with him, and he appeared willing to discontinue that meeting, and it is Discontinued accordingly. —

The matter Concerning Discontinuing Tho. Smith from the place of an Elder was consider.d and the Com.tee not having treated with about it; that matter is refer.d under the care of the same Com.tee and they to report to next m.ly meeting. —

The matter bro.t from Uxbridge prepa.tive meet.g Concerning the Low state of North-Bridge meeting. Tho Steere Jabez Wing John Walker Daniel Anthony, and Joseph Mosher, are appointed to visit that meeting, and make Report to next m.ly meet.g. how they find it. —

Whereas there is a compl.t bro.t from the prepa.tive meet.g, against Benj.a Slocum Jun.r for his going to a place of merriment and not taking friends advice in using the plain Language &c: Whereupon this meet.g appoints David Steere Jon.a Arnold & Jon.a Farnum, to Inspect that matt.r and Labour with him, and make report to next m.ly meet.g.

Whereas there is a Compl.t bro.t from the Prepar.tive meet.g against Levi Arnold for its being Reported that he is the Father of an Illegittimate Child which he Clears not himself from. This meeting appoints Moses Farnum Robert Wilkinson & Job Scott to Inspect that matt.r and Labour with him, and make report to next m.ly meet.g.

Sam.l Comstock & Benedict Arnold appear.d in this meeting and Requested to come under the care of Friends, and Adam Harkness, Daniel Aldrich, Wm Buffum & George Arnold, are appointed to Inquire into their Conversation, and take a Solid opperturnity with them, to find their motive for their motive for so Requesting, And make report to next m.ly meeting. —

Jeremiah

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6th month

Jeremiah Wilkinson 2d sent a paper to this meeting Condemning his outgoings, which was Satisfactory, and the same is accepted, and ordered to be read at the close a Publick meeting at the Lower meetg House in Smithfield and Jona Arnold is appointed to read the same when he is present, and make report to next mthly meetg.

Daniel Anthony & David Steere presented Each of them a paper condemning their Severally going to marriages out of the order of Friends, which papers, are accepted for Satisfaction; and they to read the same at the close of a first day meetg, at Smithfield Old meetg. House.

An act. was Prepar. to send to the next Qtly meetg. which was Sign. by the Clerk, and ordered to be sent by our Represent.s who are Tho. Steere, Daniel Anthony Jona Farnum, David Steere & Augustus Lapham.

Saml Aldrich paid Moses Farnum Six pounds, towards what he owes as Interest money to this meetg. He paid it the 27th 5th month last. And Benja Arnold had Three pounds of it towards the addition at the Old meeting House, And said Farnum had the other Three pounds towards the Brick meetg House.

This meetg Collected £1..16..0. and sent £1..4..0 to the Qtly meeting for Swanzy meeting, And Benja Arnold recd the other twelve shilling towards the Old meeting House Addition

George Comstock & George Arnold are appointed to Reckon with the Comte who were appointed to build the addition at the Old meetg House, and find how much is now Due to each of them, and make report to next mthly meeting.

Moses Farnum Clerk, this Day

7th mo.

At Our Monthly Meeting of Friends held in Smithfield the 29th of the 7th month 1773. The meeting being Convened. The Repts appearing from the Prepar. meetings are.

From Smithfield upper House Jabez Wing, & George Comstock
From Uxbridge, Daniel Southwick & Moses Farnum
From Smithfield Lower House: Tho. Steere & Benja Arnold

Recd Epistles, One from Our last Qtly meetg which was read: and 12 Printed ones from London, one of which was read and 8 Printed Peices, on Commerce, and Trading, by Ambrose Rigge all which was kindly accepted.

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1773 Asa Smith who Requested at the Prepar^ve meeting, to come under the care of Friends; Appear^d in this meeting & still requsting the same; This meet^g appoints Adam Harkness Elisha Thornton, & Daniel Aldrich, to take a Solid oppertunity with him concerning his said Request: And make Report to next m^ly Meeting.

The matter against Nehemiah Shearman, was consider^d, and by his request the same is refer^d till next m^ly meeting, for further Consideration.

The friends appointed to Inform Benjamin Buffum Junr of the Proceedings of this meeting, against him, Report that they have Informed him according to appointment.

The Com^tee appointed to Converse with Samuel Comstock & Benedict Arnold, Do Report that they have taken a Solid oppertunity with them: and think it may be best to Receive Benedict Arnold under the care of Friends: Therefore he is Rec^d under the care of this meeting.

And S^d Com^tee Desiring to have further oppurtunity with Samuel Comstock. Therefore they are Continued for that Service; And to Report to next m^ly meeting.

The Com^tee to Labour with Benj^a Aldrich, Do Report that they have Labour^d with him, And think it may be best to Receive his Paper sent to this meeting in the 12th month last, for Satisfaction; which this meet Receives and appoints Moses Farnum, to Read said paper at the Close of a meeting at the Brick meet^g house: And make Report to next m^ly meeting.

Thomas Steere makes report that he hath Informed Thomas Lewes according to appointment; And also Produced a Testimony of his Denial, which was read approved of & Sign^d by the Clerk: And the Publishing of it Refer^d till Ordered by this meeting.

The Com^tee to Labour with Daniel Read Do report that they have had an oppurtunity with him; And that he appear^d Desirous to live a life more agreeable to Truth; Therefore the same Com^tee is Continued; to Converse with him, by writing or otherwise, as oppurtunity shall present: and make Report to this meeting within three months.

The matter against Wm Barker was Considered and this meeting appoints George Smith, David Steere & Daniel Anthony, to further Labour with him, and make report to next m^ly meeting.

Two of the Com^tee appointed to treat with Thomas Smith Concerning his being Dis Continued from the Place of an Elder, Report that they have treated with him, and that he request the same to be refer^d to next monthly meet^g. And accordingly the same is refer^d.

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The Comtee appointed to visit the meeting at North Bridge Do report that they have visited the same & found the meeting very low But think there is hopes of it's being better, Therefore this meeting Recommends, that solid friends visit said meeting, as they find freedom.

Two of the friends appointed to Labour with Benja Slocum Junr Do report, that they have discoursed with him and he Did not deny the Charge against him, Nor appear willing to Condemn the same — Therefore this meeting puts him from under their care, until he makes friends Satisfaction, And appoints Jonathan Arnold & Job Scott, to Inform him of his Denial & Right of an appeal, and draw up a Testimony of his Denial: And make report to next mly meetg —

The friends appointed to Labour with Levi Arnold, Do Report that he appeard in a tender Disposition & gave Encouragement to Condemn his misconduct; Therefore the same is Continued under the care of said Comtee and they to further Labour with him. and make report to next mly meeting.

Jona Arnold makes Report that he hath not read the paper from Jeremiah Wilkinson Junr by reason it Slipt his memory — Therefore he is still Continued for sd Service, and make report to next Mly meetg —

Daniel Anthony & David Steere make report that they read their Papers of Acknowledgments at the Old meeting House —

The Comtee appointed to Settle Accts with Thomas Steere Benja Slocum & Benja Arnold, Not having fully accomplish the same, are Continued for that service, And to make report to next monthly meeting —

The Prepare Meetg Informing, this meeting of the Low State of the meeting at Mendon, There upon this meeting appoints Adam Harkness, David Buffum Thomas Lapham Junr George Arnold & Elisha Thornton; to visit said meeting; And report how they find the same to next mly Meeting —

The matter from the Prepare meeting, against Abel Aldrich (son of Joseph) for Marrying with one of another Society; out of the Order of friends & Attending other meetings &c. was Considerd, and this meeting appoints, George Smith, David Farnum & Wm Buffum, to Labour with him; and Make report to next Monthly Meeting —

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The Matter from the Prepar^ve meeting, Respecting Providing a place for fire in Providence Meeting House; was consider^d and Moses Farnum George Smith, Wm Buffum Jon^a Arnold, & George Comstock, are appointed to visit said meeting & Consider, whether it be best to Provide a place for fire, and if best in what manner; & make Report next m^ly m^g^t.

The Quarterly Meeting Informing that Ebenezer Callaem, with drew his appeal. Therefore this meeting, appoints George Comstock to read the Testimony of his denial at the Close of a Publick Meeting at this House. and make report to next M^ly meeting.

This meeting appoints, Ezekiel Comstock and Elisha Thornton ~~Comstock~~ to Audit the Acc^ts of Our Overseers of the Poor. And make report to next monthly meeting.

Thomas Lapham Junr Clerk

At Our Monthly meeting of Friends held at Smithfield the 26th day of the 8th month 1773 The meeting being Convenn^d. The Rep^rs appearing from the several Preparative meetings are from Smithfield upper House. Adam Harkness & George Comstock From Uxbridge Daniel Aldrich & Gardner Earl From Smithfield Lower House Benj^a Arnold & John Walker

The friends appointed to Converse with Asa Smith, Do Report, That they have had an oppertunity with him, and think it best that he be Rec^d under the care of friends. Therefore this meeting Receives him under their care.

The matter against Nehemiah Shearman was considered, and as he sent some papers to this meeting, Oziel Wilkinson. John Walker Thomas Owen, Robert Wilkinson & Thomas Lapham Junr are appointed to take further oppertunity with Him. And report how they find his Condition to next M^ly meet^g.

The friends Continued to discourse with Samuel Comstock, Do Report that they have discoursed Him & thinks it best that He be Rec^d under the Care of Friends, Therefore He is accepted a member of this meeting.

As Moses Farnum has not read Benj^a Aldrich's Paper, by reason of his being gone from Home Considerably. He is still Continued for that service, And report to next m^ly meet^g.

Elisabeth Southwick Requesting a Certificate to travil to the Westward with Comfort Hoeg, this meeting gave her one signifying their Unity with her Publick Testimony &c which was Sign^d by a Number of Friends

Two of the friends to further Labour with Wm Barker, Do Report that they have Labour^d with Him, and they not being fully Satisfied; This meeting Refers the same to next M^ly meet^g for Consideration.

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The matter concerning Thomas Smith being Dismist from the place of an Elder came under Consideration; And he signified that as some friends were uneasy with standing in that place. He would not make uneasiness in that respect. And He is discontinued from being an Elder.

Jona. Arnold & Job Scott not having fully Completed their appointment Respecting Benja. Slocum Junr. Therefore they are Continued, And to report to next Monthly meetg.

The friends appointed to discourse with Levi Arnold, Do Report, that they have discoursed with Him, and that he appear.d in a Tender disposition, And they think it best for to wait longer on him Therefore the same Comtee is Continued to take further opportunity with Him, And make Report to this meeting within three months.

Jona. Arnold Reports that he read the paper from Jere. Wilkinson Junr according to appointment.

The friends appointed to settle Acct. with Thomas Steere Benjamin Slocum and Benja. Arnold, Not having fully Accomplished the same; are Continued to for that Purpose. And Report to next Mly Meetg.

The friends appointed to Visit Mendon meeting. Do Report that the meeting appears in a very low Condition and but few friends belonging to it. but yet some friends desired it to be continued. Therefor said friends are Desired to further visit said meeting. And Report to this meetg within 6 months.

The friends appointed to Labour with Abel Aldrich, Do Report, that they have visited Him, And that he gives no hopes of making satisfaction. Therefore this meeting puts Him from under their Care, And appoints Jona. Harrum and Stephen Aldrich to Inform Him of the above Conclusion, and draw a Testimony of his denial, And make Report to next monthly meeting.

The Comtee. appointed to visit Providence meeting Respecting Providing a place for fire Do Report that they think it best to Provide a stove in said Meeting House. And this meeting appoints Benja. Arnold Jona. Arnold & Job Scott to correct the same, And make Report when accomplished.

The Comtee. appointed to Audit acct. with our Overseers of the poor not having done the same, Therefore they are Continued to fulfill their appointment, & Report to next mly meetg.

Some of the friends appointed to visit those that have married out of the order of friends. Do Report that they have Visited Eber Bartlet Nathan Filson, and Samuel Estes, who Severally signified that it would be left that they were disown.d, And thereupon this meeting puts them from under their Care. And as their Education hath been such that the world has not lookt upon them as members of our Society

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Therefore this meeting thinks it not needful to Publish the same at Present

And as that work of visiting such is not accomplished, The friends appointed for that service, are Still Continued, And make Report with in four months

This meeting Adjourns to the 9th Hour to morrow morning

The meeting met according to adjournment

On Receiving Letters from several friends at Hoosuck Requesting Certificates to the Ninepartners &c, This meeting appoints our friends Thomas Steere, Moses Farnum, Daniel Aldrich, George Comstock & Thomas Lapham Junr a Comtee to pay them and all other friends there that went from here a visit, and Report to this meetg within Three months how they findt their Conditions

A few lines was Prepard for friends at Hoosuck and Signd by the Clerk, who is orderd to send them a Copy

And a few lines was Prepared for the Monthly meeting at the Ninepartners, Respecting Hoosuck friends being Recommended to them, which was Signd by the Clerk

The Preparve meeting Informing that Uriah Mowry hath gone Contrary to the good order Established among friends, in making suit to a woman not of our Society in Respect of Marriage, and thereby Neglected Attending some meetings, And not Complying with friends advice therein - Therefore this meeting appoints Thomas Steere Daniel Southwick, Adam Harkness & Benjamin to Labour with Him Concerning his said Conduct, And make Report to next Monthly meeting

The friends at Leicester Requesting some conveniency for fire to be made in their meeting House, Whereupon this meeting appoints Jonathan Farnum William Buffum, Richard Mowry & Samuel Aldrich, to visit the meeting there, and Consider what is best to be done on their Request. And Report to next Mo by M.g.t

The Preparve meeting Informing that John Jenney hath been Contentious among his Neighbours, and at a School meeting &c. Therefore our friends Benjamin Arnold Thomas Steere, George Smith Wm Bassett, and Thom Lapham Junr are appointed to Labour with Him concerning his said Disorders and Report to next Monthly meeting

This Meeting gave Daniel Southwick a Certificate to visit Salem meeting Signifying their unity with his Publick Testimony &c. which was Signd by the Clerk

Also Jona Arnold & George Arnold Recd Certificates to accompany Comfort Hoeg & Elisabeth Southwick to New York and further if they think Necessary, which was Signd by the Clerk

Also David Buffum Recd a Certificate to visit Salem meeting which was Signd by the Clerk

This meeting appoints Moses Farnum & George Arnold, to Provide a Horse for Elisabeth Southwick to ride, and other necessarys for the Journey that she is now ~~going~~ Intending to go

This meetg gave Daniel Aldrich a Certificate to visit Salem Meeting which was signd by the Clerk

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Also Elisha Thornton had a Certificate to visit said meeting, which was Sign'd by the Clerk.

The friends appointed to get a Deed of Moses Farnum of a peice of Land to Enlarge the Brick meeting House Lot in Uxbridge, Have Procured one and say there is due to Moses Farnum four Pounds & ten Shillings for the same, which this meeting Promises to pay.

Benj^a Buffum is appointed to Read the testimony of Amos Smithgate's Denial at the close of a meeting at Bolton — David Shere to Read the Testimony of Thomas Lewes's Denial at the Close of a meeting at Gideon Harris's. — Wm. Buffum to Read the Testimony of Nathaniel Potters Denial, at the Close of a meeting at Leicester.

And Moses Farnum to Read the Testimony of Benj^a Buffum Junr.'s Denial, At the Close of a meeting at the Brick Meeting House.

And they to make Return to next Mo^ly Meet^g.

Some of the friends appointed to visit those that have married out of the Order of friends, Do Report that they have visited, William, Simon, & Benj^a Wilkinson, sons of Jeremiah, And that they did not appear in a Condition Suitable to make Satisfaction for their transgressions — Therefore this meeting put them from under their Care, and as we Conclude their Education hath been such, that the world hath not looked upon them as members of our Society, Therefore think it not needful to Publish it any further, at Present.

This meet^g Collected 18/. and Benjamin Arnold Rec^d 12/ for the Extracts, and 6/ towards the Addition at the Old meeting House.

Rec^d from the Quarterly Meeting Transcripts of Epistles one from London, two from Philadelphia & one from Rhushing, all which was Read and kindly Accepted.

This meeting appoints Moses Farnum to settle acc^ts with George Smith, on the acc^t of Interest of Money in his hands, Due to this meeting. And make Report to next Mo^ly Meet^g.

And Wm. Buffum is appointed to settle acc^ts with Samuel Aldrich, on Acc^t of money in his Hands.

And this meeting gave said William an order sign'd by the Clk to Receive the Interest money Due from Luke Aldrich. And make Report to this meet^g as soon as may be convenient.

By a Request of the 2^d ly meet^g Com^ee this meeting Agrees to hold their next monthly meet^g on the 28th of next month.

Thomas Lapham Junr Clerk

At Our Monthly Meeting of Friends held in Smithfield the 28th of the 9th Month 1773. The Meeting being Convend the Repr.s appearing from the Several Preparative Meetings are, From Smithfield upper House George Smith & Wm Buffum,
From Uxbridge Samuel Aldrich & Moses Farnum,
From Smithfield lower House Tho. Steere & Oziel Wilkinson.
This Meeting Recd a Certificate from Sandwich Monthly Meeting Recommending Seth Killey to the care of this meeting, which was Read & accepted.

The Comtee to further Labour with Nehemiah Shearman, not all being Present, That matter is Referd. And the Comtee Continued for that Service; & to Report to next Mly meetg.

Moses Farnum makes Report that he hath Read the Paper from Benjamin Aldrich according to appointment.

The matter against Wm Barker was again Considerd, and this meeting appoints our friends Thomas Steere, George Comstock, & Samuel Arnold, a Comtee to further visit him and make Report to next Mly meetg.

Job Scott makes Report that Benjamin Slocum Junr Hath been gone from home, so that the Comtee hath not compleated their appointment. Therefore they are Continued for the same Service, And to Report, to next Mly Meetg.

The Comtee to Settle with Tho Steere Benjamin Arnold & Benjamin Slocum Do Report as follows. The 29th 7th mo 1773, Settle with Benjamin Arnold, and found due to him £10..16..8½ on Accl of Building the Addition at the Old meeting House in Smithfield. Also found due to Benja Slocum £4..9..1½ on that accl which Report is accepted.

The friends appointed to Inform Abel Aldrich of the Conclusion of last mly meeting, Do Report that they have Informd him accordingly, and they Presented a Testimony of his denial, which was Read approved & Signd by the Clerk, and the Publick Reading thereof, Referd till further Order.

The friends appointed to Audit the Accts of Our Overseers of the Poor. Do Report which is accepted & is as follows.

The Overseers Accts Adam Harkness's	£1..10..2
Jonathan Farnum's	6..13..10½

Examined and Allowd by us the 9th of the 9th month 1773.

Ezekiel Comstock
Elisha Thornton

Several of the friends to Labour with Uriah Mowry, Do Report that he Acknowledges the Complaint against him to be true, and appeard not Desirous to Condemn the same, Therefore this Meeting Refers the same to next monthly Meeting for further Consideration, and Continues said Comtee to further Labour with Him and then to make Report.

Several of the Comtee to visit the Meeting at Leicester and Consider the necessity of Providing a place for fire in their meeting House. Do Report that they have visited said Meeting and as there are but few friends there think it best not to Provide a place for fire in said House at Present.

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The friends to Labour with John Jenney not all being Present, are still Continued for further Labour with him. And Report to next Mo.ly Meetg.

Benja. Buffum, David Steere, Wm. Buffum, and Moses Farnum, Report that they have Read the several Testimonies of Denials, according to appointment.

Moses Farnum Reports that he hath settled with George Smith, according to appointment; until the 20th of the 4th month Last, and allowed him for his trouble till that time. & Recd. of him fifteen Pounds nine Shillings & seven pence which this meetg. pays to said Moses, towards his Charge in building the Brick-meeting House

M Farn. settles with G Smith

& Recd. 15-9-7

This Meetg. gave a Certificate to Mary Smith, & ~~Elizabeth~~ Ruth Southwick, to friends at Oblong & Ninepartners. Signifying their Unity with their visiting their Relations and friends in them parts. which was Signd. by the Clerk.

Ezra Bartlet Request of this Mo.ly Meetg. an appeal from a Judgmend against him in the 5th month last. And altho the time is expired for granting appeals. yet friends Concluding that he did not fully understand the Limited time, was out. Do grant him an appeal, to the 2ndly Meeting, and appoint Jona. Farnum & Wm. Buffum to Repesent the case in behalf of this meeting.

This meeting appoints George Smith to have the care of the meeting House & Lot at Mendon, and Repair the fence round said Lot, and make Report of the Expence when Necessary.

Asa Aldrich sent a Paper to this meeting, Condemning his misconduct in Wrestling, Company keeping, Frolicking, Language, and assisting in Raising a Presbitereen Meeting House, (so called) which was Read and Accepted, And (David Farnum is appointed to read it, at the Close of a Meeting at North bridge, and Uxbridge. and make Report to next Mo.ly Meetg.

Uxbridge Prepar.ve Meeting Informing, that Peter Aldrich (son of Peter) of Northbridge, Hath walked Disorderly in divers respects, viz in beating a man in Anger, keeping Company by way of Coutship with a woman not of our Society. and wrestling, and Frolicking with wicked Company, And unnecessarily attending the Raising of a Meeting House, which belonged not to our Society. Therefore this meeting appoints. George Smith Gardener Earl. & Jona. Farnum to Inquire and if true to Labour with said Peter Concerning it. And make Report to next monthly meeting.

Uxbridge Prepar.ve Meetg. Informing that George Southwick hath unnecessarily attended the Raising a Meeting, belonging to the Society of Presbitereens, (so called) and also kept Company with a woman not of our Society, all which he neglects to condemn.

Therefore this Meeting appoints, Adam Harkness George Comstock & Robert Wilkinson to Inspect said Matter, and Labour with him, And make Report to next Mo.ly Mg.t

This Meeting appointts Antepass Earl & Gardener Earl to have the care and oversight of Friends Meetg. House & Lot. at Leicester.

Benjamin Slocum Informs this Meeting that he Proposes to move to Hoosuck and Desires friends Advice there in, Thereupon this meeting appoints Thomas Steere Daniel Anthony, & Thomas Lapham Junr. to Inquire into his Circumstances, and make Report to next Mo.ly meetg.

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The Queries were Read & Answer.d and an Acc.t to the next Q.ly Meeting with said Answers were Read, & Sign.d by the Clerk; And Our Friends Thomas Steere, David Steere, Oziel Wilkinson & Samuel Arnold are appointed to attend said Q.ly Meeting as Rep.rs

Thomas Lapham Jun.r Clerke

At Our Monthly Meeting of Friends held in Smithfield the 28th of the 10th Month 1773. The Meeting being Conven.d the Repre.ves appearing from the Preparative meetings are.

From Smithfield upper House, Adam Harkness & Robert Wilkinson

From Uxbridge, Daniel Aldrich, Jon.a Farnum, & Antepas Earl

From Smithfield Lower House, David Steere & Oziel Wilkinson

The friends to Labour with Nehemiah Shearman, not being ready to Report by reason that some of them have been from home. Therefore they are continued for that service, & make Report to next M.ly Meet.g

The friends to further visit Wm. Barker; Do Report that they have visited him and that he appear.d in a Tender disposition of mind. But as some friends had a mind to have further Conversation with Him, the same is Refer.d to next M.ly Meet.g for Consideration

As Benjamin Slocum Jun.r is yet from home, the Com.tee Respecting him is Continued for that service, And to make Report to next M.ly Meet.g

The friends Continued to Labour with Uriah Mowry, partly by forgetfulness have not further Labour.d with Him, Therefore they are still Continued for that Service, And make Report to next Monthly Meeting

The friends appointed to Labour with John Jenne Reported But not being fully satisfactory, they are Desired to take the same, and take further Oppertunity with him, and make Report to next Monthly Meeting

This Meeting is Inform.d that David Farnum Read the Paper from Asa Aldrich According to appointment

This Meeting appoints Moses Farnum & Jon.a Farnum, to have the care of the Brick Meeting House, and Burying ground in Uxbridge

This Meeting Adjourns to the 10th Hour to morrow morning

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The friends to Labour with Daniel Read Do make Report, That they have writ to him and by acc.ts from him & others, there appears some hopes of his making Satisfaction. Therefore this Meeting Continues said friends for the same Service, And make Report to ~~next~~ the Monthly Meeting ~~within~~ three months

Two of the friends to Inspect and Labour with Peter Aldrich Jun.r Do Report that they have Inspected & Labour.d with him, and that it appears he is guilty of all Complained of Except Follicking. and that he did not appear willing to condemn the same to Satisfaction, But yet this meet.g Refers that matter, under the Care of the sam Com.tee to further Inspect and Labour with Him. And make Report to next Monthly Meeting

The friends appointed to Inspect & Labour with George Southwick, Do Report that he says he is sorry he kept Company as mentioned in said Complaint, But refused to condemn the other matter against him. and as he mentioned some Desire that

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Thomas Lapham Junr. makes Report that he with the others of the Com^tee hath Inquired into the Circumstances of Benjamin Slocum's moving to Hoosuck and by what appears he hath settled his outward affairs to satisfaction. But the matter of his moving to Hoosuck this meeting Refers to Our Friends Thomas Steere, Moses Farnum, Daniel Aldrich, George Cumstock, & Thomas Lapham Junr. To Advise said Benjamin as they shall think best, And Report to next monthly Meeting

George Arnold Return^d his Certificate he had from this meeting in the 8th mo. last with an Indorsment thereon, From Wesbury M^ly Meeting Signifying his orderly Conversation while among them, which was read & accepted

By the Request of Thomas Lapham Junr. this Meeting Dismisses him from the Com^tee to visit Hoosuck

Benjamin Phetteplace sent a Paper to this meeting condemning his marrying out of the Order of friends, Whereupon this meeting appoints our friends Adam Harkness, Wm Bassett & Augustus Lapham, to treat with Him concerning it and make Report to our next M^ly Meet^g

Jacob Arnold sent a Paper to this meeting condemning his disorderly walking, Where upon our friends Moses Farnum, Elisha Thornton & Thomas Lapham Junr. are appointed to treat with said Jacob Concerning it: And make Report to next monthly Meeting

Wm Bulfum Reports that he hath Reckoned with Samuel Aldrich according to appointment, and found now due from him as Interest money to pay up to the 20th of last 4th month, the sum of £20..16..10. And also that he by virtue of the order he had of this Meeting Rec^d of Luke Aldrich, in money £8..11..4. and a note of hand for £23..14..10. Dated the 12th of the 10th month 1773, and is on Interest. This Meeting sent Benjamin Slocum by the hand of Tho Lapham Junr. £4..9..6. of the above said money, which is the whole sum due to him from this meeting & Benjamin Arnold Rec^d, the rest of the money, which is £4..2..2. In part of what is due to him toward the addition at the Old meeting House, And George Smith took said note to get the money

This meeting appoints Benj^a Arnold to Read the Testimony of Stephen Hopkins Denial, at the Close of a friends Meeting at Providence And also to Read at the same time, an Acknowledgment from this meeting Dated in the 6th month last And make Report to next M^ly Meeting

The Acknowledgement from Jacob Aldrich Junr. Signifying his misteps in marrying &c was read and accepted. And Jon^a Farnum is appointed to read it at the Close of a Meeting, at the Brick meeting House, & make Report to next M^ly Meet^g

This meeting gave a Certificate to Daniel Southwick Signifying to friends at Oblong & Nine partners, our Unity with him as a minister, & member, and with this his undertaking, which is to accompany his Wife home; which was sign^d by the Clerk The Epistle from our last 2^ly Meet^g, And one from the M^ly meeting at Philadelphia, to parents & youth, was Read and kindly accepted

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At Our Monthly Meeting of Friends held in Smithfield the 25th day of the 11th mo. 1773 - The meeting being Conveind. the Repr. appearing from the Several Reparative meetings are

From Smithfield Upper House, George Smith, & Elisha Thornton,

From Uxbridge, Stephen Aldrich, Samuel Aldrich & David Farnum

From Smithfield Lower House, Benja. Arnold & Thomas Steere

Richard Mowry and Huldah Harris appeard. in this meeting & Declared their Intention of taking each other in Marriage, Whereupon this meeting appoints our friends John Walker & Joseph Mosher to Inquire into his Clearness in that Respect; And make Report to next Mly Meeting

The friends that stand appointed to visit friends at Hoosuck, Do Report which is accepted & is as follows. We whose names are hereunto Subscribed, being appointed to visited friends at Hoosuck, and to Report to the Monthly Meeting how we found their Conditions - We have visited friends there, and according to our Sense of the Conditions of such friends there, who are under Dealing, take as follows,

First Benjamin Lapham appeard. in a Brittle Disposition, Rather Rendering friends and this Mly Meeting Odious, than Humbly sensable of his own Weakness & Transgression.

2d. Nathan Comstock appeard. more in the Craft, than in Christian Meekness; and there appeard. something of the sour Leven in him also

3d. Isaac Killey appeared in a Condesending frame & Sensable of his Transgression, Yet we thought his State admitted of a growth, in an Engagement for the Cause of the Truth.

Lastly it lookt. to us as though it might not be best At Present, to Establish a meeting there, though there did appear some Tenderness in several friends

To the Monthly Meeting at Smithfield, to be held the 25th of the 11th mo. 1773

Thomas Steere, Moses Farnum, Daniel Aldrich, George Comstock

Whereupon this meeting denies Unity with Benjamin Lapham, and puts him from under their Care, until he makes friends Satisfaction for his misconduct; And our friends Thomas Steere, & George Comstock are appointed to Inform, said Benjamin of the above Conclusion, and His right of appeal; And Draw a Testimony of his Denial, and make Report to next Mly Meeting.

Also this Meeting Denies unity with Nathan Comstock, and puts him from under their care, until he makes friends Satisfaction for his misconduct, and appoints our friends Thomas Steere, George Comstock & Thomas Lapham Junr. to Inform him of the above conclusion, and his right of Appeal; And draw a Testimony of his Denial, And Make report to next Mly Meeting.

Also, Isaac Killey, sent a paper of Acknowledgement, to this meeting, which is Referd. and Wm. Bussum & Thomas Lapham Junr. are appointed to converse with him about said Acknowledgement; by writing or otherwise as opportunity shall offer; and make Report to this meeting as soon as they shall think proper,

The friends Continued to have the care of the matter against Levi Arnold, have brought a paper from him, which being Read is accepted, And Tho Lapham Junr. is appointed to read said paper, at the Close of a Publick meeting at the old meeting House. And make Return to next Mly meeting

The friends, to further Labour with Nehemiah Shearman, Do Report as follows.

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Whereupon this meeting Denies unity with Him, and puts him from under the care of friends, until he make Satisfaction for his misconduct, and appoints George Comstock & George Arnold to Inform him of the above conclusion, and his right of appeal; And Draw a Testimony of his Denial. & Report to next Mo.ly Meeting —

The matter against Wm. Barker was again Consider.d, and as some friends are not Satisfied Respecting him. That matter is Refer.d to next Mo.ly meeting for further Consideration.

Several of the Com.tee ~~Respecting~~ to visit Mendon Meeting Report that they have visited said Meeting, & It appear.d very Small, Therefore this meeting still continues said Com.tee to Revisit said Meeting, And Report to this meeting within Three months —

As Benj.a Slocum Jun.r is not yet come home, the Com.tee Respecting him is Continued, and to report to this meeting when they have fulfill.d their appointment

The friends continued to further Labour with Uriah Mowry. Do report that they have Labour.d with him. and he gives them no hopes of making friends Satisfaction — Therefore this meeting puts him from under their Care, until he makes Satisfaction, and appoints Thomas Steere & Jon.a Arnold, to Inform him of the above conclusion, and his right of Appeal, And draw a Testimony of his denial: And make Report to next Mo.ly meeting —

The friends appointed to Labour with John Jenne, Not having had an opportunity with him, Partly by Reason of his being gone a Journey — Therefore they are continued for that Service, And to Report to next Mo.ly Meeting

The friends Continued to further Labour & Inspect the matter gainst Peter Aldrich Jun.r Do report that they have Inspected & Labour.d with him and think he is guilty of all he was Complain.d of. And gave no hopes of making Satisfaction — Therefore this meeting puts him from under their care, until he makes friends Satisfaction, and appoints Moses Farnum & David Farnum to Inform him of the above Conclusion and his right of an appeal: And draw a Testimony of his Denial, And Report to next Mo.ly Meeting —

This Meeting Refers all the business that is unfinished to next Mo.ly m.g.t

Thomas Lapham Jun.r Clerk

1773 — At Our Monthly Meeting of friends held in Smithfield, the 30 day of the 12th Month 1773 The Meeting being Conveen.d The Rep.ts appearing from the several Preparative Meetings are —

From Smithfield Upper House, Wm. Buffum & George Comstock —

From Uxbridge. Moses Farnum & Stephen Aldrich —

From Smithfield Lower House, Tho. Lapham Jun.r & David Steere —

Rufus Smith sent an Acknowledgement to this Meeting Condemning his misconduct in marriage & many other things which was Read and accepted — And Thomas Lapham Jun.r is appointed to read it at the close of a meeting at the Old Meeting House, & make Return to next M.ly Meeting —

Two of the Com.tee to Labour with George Southwick, Report that they have Labour.d with him, and that he appear.d in a Condesending disposition — Therefore they are Continued to further Labour with him and make Report to next monthly meeting —

The friends appointed to advise Benjamin Slocum Respecting his moving to Hoosuck, Inform that he hath given out at Present — Therefore that matter is dismiss —

Two of the friends appointed to treat with Benj.a Phetteplace concerning his acknowledgm.t Report that they have treated with Him, and think it best that friends Receive his acknowledgem.t Therefore it is Rec.d — And Thomas Steere is appointed to read it at the Close of a meeting at Elisabeth Aldrich's — And make return to next M.ly meeting —

The friends appointed to treat with Jacob Arnold Report that they have treated with him, and that he appears Engaged, to make friends satisfaction — But yet friends think it best to refer the same on acc.t of his family — Therefore S.d Com.tee is continued to further treat with him — And Report to next M.ly meeting —

Benjamin Arnold, makes Report that he read the papers Relating Stephen Hopkins, & this meeting according to appointment —

Jon.a Farnum Reports that he read the paper from Jacob Aldrich Jun.r according to appointment —

Daniel Southwick return.d the Certificate he had from this meeting in the 10th month last with a few lines Indorsed there on, by the Q.ly meeting at the Oblong which was read and Rec.d —

The Matter from Smithfield upper House Prepa.ve meeting Respecting making an addition to the select Meeting, by appointing some Elders, was consider.d and it is refer.d to next monthly meeting, for further Consideration —

This meeting appoints Samuel Aldrich & Stephen Aldrich to have the care and oversight of the meeting House, Lot & Burying ground at Northbridge.

John Walker & Joseph Mosher make Report that they have Inquired, and find nothing to hender Richard Mowry from Proceeding in marriage with Huldah Harris. and they appear.d and Rec.d their answer, in order for marriage, and John Walker & Joseph Mosher are appointed to see the same Consumated, and make Report to next M.ly M.g.t

This meeting appoints David Farnum, to Read the Testimony of Abel Aldrich's Denial at Uxbridge & Northbridge, at the close of a meeting — and Report to next m.ly meeting —

The Answers to the Queries from the several Prepar.ve meetings with General Answers composed therefrom were Read, and the general Answers were Order'd to be sent to the next Q.ly meeting

This Meeting Adjourns to the 10th Hour to morrow morning —

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The Meeting Mett according to Adjournment.

According to appointment the several Testimonies of Denial against Benjamin Lapham, Nathan Comstock, Uriah Mowry, and Nehemiah Shearman, were brot. read approvd. of. and Signd by the Clerk, And the friends appointed have Informd Uriah Mowry & Nehemiah Shearman of their being Disownd. and Right of appeal.

The friends appointed to Inform Benjamin Lapham & N Comstock of their Denials & Right of appeal, Not having done it by Reason of the Great distance. Therefore they are still Desired to Inform them and make Report to this meeting when they have Done the same.

The friends appointed to Inform Peter Mitrich Junr. of his Denial &c ~~and right of appeal~~ Report that they have Informd him, And Drawn a Testimony of his denial, which was read, and referd. to next monthly meeting for Consideration.

Whereas this meeting sent a few lines, to the Mcly meeting at the Ninepartners in the 8th mo. last, Respecting Hoosuck friends being Recommended to them &c, upon which they have sent a paper to us signifying that they think, best that Hoosuck friend that moved from us, do still belong to us at Present, But as the distance between friends traveling there and here is very Considerable we understood by a friend who hath Travelled that way, Wherefore we have wrote again ~~Des~~ to Ninepartners, Desiring them to receive friends at Hoosuck.

Thomas Lapham Junr. makes report that he read the Paper from Levi Arnold According to appointment.

The matter against William Barker was again Considered, and by the report of several friends, this meeting Concludes it best to refer that matter till next mcly meetg for further Consideration; And Job Scott is appointed to Inform him of this Conclusion.

Job Scott Report that he hath Informd Benjamin Slicum Junr. of his Denial & Right of appeal.

The friends appointed in the matter against John Jenny, Do Report as follows [illegible] of the Comtee appointed to Labour with John Jenney, Having Inspected the matter against him, & Labourd. with Him. And it is our Opinion that he hath been Contentious at a School meeting, & among his Neighbours part of which he Condemns — But he appears to us not in a disposition to make satisfaction.

Thomas Shere
Benja. Arnold
Thomas Lapham Junr.
Wm. Bassett

[illegible] Mcly meetg. 12th mo 1773

12th mo. The Matter from Smithfield Upper House Preparative Meeting, Respecting appointing Overseers, was Considered, & this meeting Refers the same to next Monthly Meeting for Consideration.

The Lower House Prepar.ve Meet.g Informing that Stephen Hilton holds a Negro boy in a State of Slavery, and Neglects to discharge him therefrom. Therefore this meeting appoints Daniel Anthony, David Stare & Ezekiel Comstock, & Jabez Wing, to treat with him, and Endeavour that he Discharge said boy, agreeable to our Discipline. And make Report to next Mo.ly Meeting.

A Request from Scituate Respecting building a meeting House there, was read and refer.d till next Mo.ly Meet.g and Our friends Daniel Aldrich David Buffum and Gardner Earl, are appointed to visit friend there, and make report how they find the State of them to next Mo.ly Meet.g.

The friends appointed to attend the next Q.rly Meet.g are Daniel Aldrich George Comstock, Jon.a Arnold, & Job Scott, &c.

This Meeting Adjourns to the fifth day of next week after the meeting for Worship.

The Meeting Meet according to adjournment.

Moses Halnam & Elisha Thornton, Two of the Com.tee to visit those that have married out of the Order of Friends, Do Report that they have visited Abijah Eles, And that he gives but very little if any hopes of making friends Satisfaction, and friends having waited ~~long~~ on him some time, and his Conduct appearing no better. Therefore this meeting puts him from under their Care, until he makes Satisfaction for his outgoings, and appoints George Arnold to Inform him of it, and his right of Appeal, and make report to next Mo.ly Meeting.

Whereas Simeon Arnold, hath married out of the good order of friends, and several of the Com.tee appointed to visit and Labour with him, Did report some months past in writing, That they had visited him, and that then he Desired friends o might wait a Little longer on him, and Several of said Com.tee now report that they have had an opperturnity with him since the first time, And he said he thought he should not live agreeable to friends Proffession, and this meeting taking that that matter into Consideration, conclude to disown him, as a member, and he is disowned, and put from under our Care, until he shall Return, and make this Meet.g Satisfaction, And Oziel Wilkinson, and Augustus Lapham are appointed to Inform said Simeon of the Conclusion of this Meeting, and his right of appeal and draw a Testimony of his Demeit, and make report to next Mo.ly meeting.

An Epistle to the next Q.rly Meet.g was Read and approved. and Sign.d by the Clerk in behalf of this meeting.

The friends appointed to build Stables Do report, that they have according to appo. finished them. Therefore this Meeting appoints Moses Harnum, Adam Harkness, & Thomas Lapham Jun.r to Examine the Com.tees acc.ts & Report to next Mo.ly Meeting.

Samuel Aldrich sent seven pounds ten Shillings & Pence, in part for Interest money due to this Meet.g. And Adam Harkness Rec.d 1.10/ thereof. which is in full for what this meeting owes him, And Moses Harnum Rec.d £5.17.0 in full for what this meeting owes him. And Jon.a Harnum Rec.d three shillings and six pence, towards what this meeting owes him.

Thomas Lapham Jun.r Clerk

1774 At Our Monthly Meeting of friends held in Smithfield the 27th of the 1st month 1774 — The meeting being Convened the Repts. appearing from the several Preparative meetings are —

From Smithfield upper House, Jabez Wing, & George Comstock

From Habridge, Gardener Earll, & Benedict Arnold

From Smithfield Lower House. Thomas Steere, & Benjamin Arnold

This Meeting Recd a Certificate from Salem Mthly Meeting Recommending James Raymar Junr. Who now lives at Richmond To the care of this meeting which signified his orderly conversation, and Clearness in respect of marriage, &c which was read and Accepted

Thomas Lapham Junr. Report that the Paper from Rufus Smith was read at the Old Meeting House at the Close of a meeting

The Matter Respecting George Southwick, is again Refer'd, and as the Comtee. by Negligence hath not spoke with Him According to appointment they are still Continued for that service, And to make Report to next Mthly meeting

Thomas Steere makes report that he hath read the paper from Benjn. Pettiplace According to appointment

The friends continued to further treat with Jacob Arnold, not all having had an opperturnity with him, by reason of their having been from home, Therefore they are still continued for that service. And to make report to next Mthly meeting

The Matter Respecting Appointing Elders is again Refer'd for Consideration, till next Monthly meeting

The friends appointed to see the marriage of Richard Mowry consumated — Do Report that it was consumated in an Orderly manner, according to their Observation

David Farnum Reports that he hath not fully accomplished, the reading the Testimony of Abel Aldrich Junr's Denial — Therefore he is continued for that service. And to make report to next Mthly meeting

The Testimony of Peter Aldrich Junr's Denial was read approved of and Signd by the Clerk

Job Scott Reports that he Informd. Wm. Barker of the Conclusion of last Mthly meeting, And as it appears that there is hopes of his making friends Satisfaction, this meeting again Refers that matter, and appoints David Steere & Wm. Buffum, to further treat with him, — And make Report to next Mthly meeting, what they think Respecting his making Satisfaction

By the desire of some friend the matter against John Jenne is again referd. to next Mthly meeting

The matter of choosing Overseers, is again refer'd to next Mthly meeting for further Consideration,

The Comtee. appointed to Examine the Acct. of the friends to build horse sheds, Also are appointed to Examine the Acct. of the friends to shingle the Old meeting House, and build the stove at Providence — And Report to next Mthly Meeting, and Jabez Wing is added to said Comtee.

This meeting Refers all the business unfinished to next Mthly meeting

Thomas Lapham Junr Clerk

1774 At Our Monthly meeting of Friends held in Smithfield q.e 24th Day of the 2nd month 1774 - The meeting being Conveen.d, the Representatives appearing from the Prepar.ve meetings are -

From Smithfield upper House; Jabes Wing & George Comstock -

From Uxbridge; Jonathan Farnum & Daniel Aldrich -

From Smithfield Lower House; Thomas Steere, & Benjamin Arnold -

--- Asa Aldrich & Susanna Harris, appear.d in this meeting & Declared their Intentions of taking each other in marriage, and our friends Oziel Wilkinson & Elisha Thornton are appointed to Inquire into his Clearness in that Respect, & make report to next m.ly meet.g

--- The Friends appointed to treat with Stephen Hilton, Concerning his holding a Negroe Boy as a Slave. - Do Report that by which It appears that he refuses to free said Boy agreable to friends Rules, But at the Desire of some friends that matter is refer.d and Daniel Southwick, W.m Buffum & Richard Mowry; are appointed to further Treat with Him concerning it. - And make Report to next m.ly meeting -

--- The Com.tee appointed to visit friends at Scituate, on their Requesting a meeting House to be built there, Do Report that they have made some progress in that affair, Whereupon said Com.tee is still continued for further service. And to make report to this meeting within three months -

--- George Arnold makes report that he Inform.d Mijah Eastes according to appointment

--- Oziel Wilkinson & August Lapham Reports that they have Inform.d Simeon Arnold according to appointment, And they Presented a Testimony of his Denial which was read approv.d of & Sign.d by the Clerk -

--- The friends appointed to Labour with Daniel Read - Report they have lately had an oppertunity with Him - And he acknowledged himself guilty of taking Spirituous Liquors to Excess, and Neglecting duty to attend Religious meetings - Also that he hath not kept to the Plain Scripture Language - And that they see very little if any hopes of his Returning from his Evil ways - Therefore this meeting puts him from under their care - And appoints Daniel Cass, W.m Buffum & Elisha Thornton, to Inform him of ~~the~~ His Denial, and Right of appeal - And Draw a Testimony of his Denial, and make Report to next m.ly meet.g

E & G Comst.k oversight meet.g House This meeting appoints Ezekiel Comstock & George Comstock to have the care of the Upper meeting House & Lot in Smithfield

--- Mijamin Taft Jun.r Presented two papers of Acknowledgements to this meeting Respecting his beating his Wife and going to hear James Bean, Where upon this meeting appoints Adam Harkness, George Comstock, Benjamin Arnold, Oziel Wilkinson and David Buffum to pay him a visit - And to make Report to next m.ly meeting, what they think of his sincerity -

--- The Epistle from the last Quarterly meeting, was read and kindly accepted, and by which friends are Desired to Contributed, towards Repairing meeting Houses at Greenwich & Southkingston - And the same is refer.d to next m.ly meet.g, for Consideration -

1774 — 2nd m.

This meeting Adjourns to the 10th Hour to morrow morning —

The Meeting meett by adjourment

— to one of the Comtee in the case of George Southwick by Indisposition of Body has not had an oppertunity with him, and said George being abroad and not having sent any thing to this meeting. The same Comtee is continued to further Labour with him — And to Report to next Mdly meeting —

The friends to Labour with Jacob Arnold, Report, That they have had an oppertunity with him and by the Acct they give of him this meeting Concludes to Refer, that Matter under the care of the same Comtee and George Smith is added to them, to take further oppertunity with Him, & make Report within three months —

This meeting taking under Consideration, the matter of Choosing Elders — Do appoint George Smith, and Elisha Thornton to the place of Elders —

David Farnum makes Report, that he hath fulfill'd his appointment in Reading, the Testimony of Abel Aldrich Junrs Denial.

The friends to further visit Wm Barker Report that they have been to see him but he was not at Home. Therefore they are Continued for said Service. And Richard Mowry is added to them — And they to report to next mdly meetg —

Several of the friends to Examine the Accts of building Horse sheed, and shingling Old meetings House and Erecting the Stove at Providence — made Report, which is accepted & is as follows —

We of the Comtee To Examine the Accts of friends that built the Horse sheeds, at the several places where they were order'd to be built — And those who shingld the Old meeting House — Likewise those who have Erected a Stove at Providence; Have Examined their several Accts and find according to our Judgment; that there is severally Due to them the following sums (viz) —

To Benjamin Arnold, Jona Arnold & Job Scott for Erecting a Stove in Providence meeting House	£ 8 . 18 . 3½
To Benjamin Arnold for new shingling the Old mgt House	6 . 8 . 0½
for Interest for money paid out for shingles &c	2 . 1¼
To Samuel Arnold for building Horse sheed at Old mgt House	19 . 1 . 0¾
To Ezekiel Comstock, George Comstock & George Arnold for building the sheed at Woonsoket	29 . 15 . 9½
The sheed at Uxbridge Cost	15 . 1 . 2

Jona Farnum & Seth Aldrich Junr who built the sheed at Uxbridge are fully paid —

Jabez Wing
Moses Farnum
Thomas Lapham Junr

The 17th of ye 2d month 1774 —

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The matter against John Jenney was considered, and as he hath not offered any thing to this meeting to condemn the whole of the misconduct found against him in the report in the 12th month last, and as he hath been long waited on, and much labour, with, for to make friends satisfaction. But he not appearing in a suitable disposition to do the same and no friend appearing to Desire further Labour with him, Therefore he is put from under our care; until he shall make Satisfaction for his disorderly Conduct.

And this meeting appoints, David Buffum George Comstock & Elisha Thornton to Inform him of the above Conclusion, and his right of appeal, and also to draw up a testimony of his denial. And make Report to next monthly meeting.

The matter respecting appointing overseers Came under consideration, & this meeting appoints our friends William Buffum, George Comstock, David Farnum, Jonathan Farnum, Stephen Aldrich, David Steere, and Jonathan Arnold.

A Testimony of Benjamin Slocum Junr's Deniel was Presented, and approved of and signd by the Clerk, And Jona. Arnold is Desired to read it at the Close of a meeting at the Old Meeting House. And make Return to next mthly meeting.

This meeting gave Daniel Southwick a Certificate to visit Salem mthly meetg.

George Comstock is appointed to read the Testimonies of Deniel against Uriah Mowry & Nehemiah Shearman at the close of a meeting at woonsoket, and that of Nehemiah Shearmans at the Brick meeting House. And make Report to next monthly meeting.

And Samuel Aldrich is Desired to read the Testimony of Peter Aldrich's Junr Deniel at the Close of a meeting of friends at Northbridge. And make Return to next Mthly Mtg.

Wm. Bassett is Desired to read the Testimony of Ezra Barlett's Deniel at the Close of a meeting at Elisabeth Aldrichs. And make Return to next mthly meeting.

The Comtee Continued in the 3d month last to visit Mendon meeting Inform that through Negligence and Dificulty of traviling they have not performed the the same. Therefore they are still continued for that service, and to make report ~~to next mthly meetg~~ within three months.

This meeting paid George Arnold 7/-6d for a Book for Records. And Three pounds & Shilling, it being due to him for ~~things~~ money this meeting Directed him to let Elisabeth Southwick have for her Journey.

Also paid Jona Farnum £ 2..9..5. towards what is due to him as overseer of the Poor.

George Smith Delivered to this meetg Five pounds which he recd of Luke Aldrich, towards the Note that said George had of this meeting to Collect from said Luke Aldrich, And the said five pounds was disposed of towards the aforesaid sums to George Arnold & Jona. ~~Arnold~~ Farnum.

And Benjamin Arnold Recd 12/ at last monthly meeting towards what is due to him.

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3d mo. 1774 At Our Monthly Meeting of Friends held in Smithfield the 31st of ye 3d mo. 1774 The meeting being Conveend The Repns Appearing from the several Preparative Meetgs are —

From Smithfield upper House Jabez Wing & George Smith —

From Uxbridge, Moses Farnum, & Levi Taft —

From Smithfield Lower House, Daniel Anthony, & David Steere —

Moses Brown who requested at the Lower House prepar.ve meeting to come under the care of friends, Appear.d in this meeting & still Requesting the same our friends Elisha Thornton & Moses Farnum, are appointed to take a solid opportunity with him, Concerning the motive of his said Request — And make Report to next mo.ly Meetg —

The friends appointed to Inquire into the Clearness of Asa Aldrich Respecting marriage, Do Report that, they have made Inquiry & find nothing to hender his proceeding in marriage with Susanna Harris, And they appear.d & Received their Answer in order for Marriage — And Thomas Lapham Jun.r and Oriel Wilkinson are appointed to see the same Consumated — And make Report to next Mo'ly Meetg —

Two of the Com.tee to Treat with Stephen Kilton, Report that they have Discoursed with him, And that he gave some Small hopes of Complying with friends Rules Respecting freeing his Negro boy. Therefore the same Com.tee is still Continued for that Service, & to make Report to next mo.ly meeting.

The friends appointed to Inform Daniel Read of his Denial & Right of appeal, & to draw a Testimony of his Denial — Do Report that they have fulfilled their appointment, and the Testimony was Read approved of & Sign.d by the Clerk —

The friends to Visit Benjamin Taft Jun.r Report that they have visited him and that they are in some Doubt of his witnessing a Sorrow Equal to his Transgression. Therefore they are Continued to further visit him — And Report to next mo.ly Meetg —

The Matter from the Quarterly Meetg of Contributing to Greenwich & South Kingston Mo.ly Meetgs was Consider.d And as we have been at large Expenses of late This Meetg Concludes not to Contribute any thing at Present —

The Com.tee Respecting George Southwick have had but a Small Opportunity with Him, by Reason of his having been much from home. Therefore they are Continued for said Service & to Report to next Mo.ly Meeting —

The friends to further Visit Wm Barker — Report that they have Visited Him, and think it best that, that matter be refer.d Therefore the same is Refer.d to next mo.ly Meeting, and the same friends Continued to visit him & then to make Report,

The friends appointed to Inform John Jenney of his Denial, and Right of appeal, and Draw a Testimony of his Denial — Do Report that they have fulfilled ~~their~~ said appointment, and the Testimony was approved of & Sign.d by the Clerk —

Jon.a —

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3d. mo. Jona. Arnold Reports that he hath not Read the Testimony of Benjamin Slocum Junr.s Deniel by Reason that Benjamin Desired the same to be Refer.d and gave hopes of making friends satisfaction. Therefore this meeting Refers the Reading of said Testimony at Present.

George Comstock & Wm. Bassett Report yt. they have read the several Testimonies of Deniel, according to appointment, and several friends mentioned that Samuel Aldrich Read the Testimony of Peter Aldrich Junr. Deniel according to appointment.

Daniel Southwick & Moses Farnum Signified to this meeting that they had a Desire to visit friends at & within Salem Qrly Meetg. And this meetg concuring there with gave each of them a Certificate Signifying their unity with their Desire &c. which were Signd by the Clerk.

Daniel Southwick Returnd. the Certificate he Read. last Mly meetg.

Ezekiel Fowler sent an Acknowledgement to this meeting Condemning several things wherein he Trangressed in times past, which this meeting accepts for satisfaction, and Desires Asa Aldrich to read it at the Close of a Publick meeting at Northbridge and make Return to next mly mgt.

The Visiters made report that they have visited most of friends families within this monthly Meeting. And altho, at several Places things appeared much out of order. Yet in many friends there appear.d a Concern to live agreable to our Profession and think that Truth gains ground amongstus.

The Queries were Read and the Answers from the several Preparative meetgs and general Answers Composed there from were all Read. And an account, to the next Quarterly meeting, was read approved of & Signd by the Clerk and Daniel Southwick, Thomas Steere, Jabez Wing, Benjamin Arnold, and Moses Farnum, are appointed to attend said Quarterly Meeting as Representatives.

George Smith paid Three pounds to this Meeting, It being money he Collected of Luke Aldrich. Due by Note from said Luke, and Benjamin Arnold Recd it towards what is due to him.

And Augustus Lapham paid a Subscription of two Dollars, and Jonathan Farnum Recd it towards what is due to him, as Overseer of the Poor.

1774 4th mo. At Our Monthly Meeting of Friends held at Smithfield the 28th of 4th mo. 1774. The Meeting being Conveni.d The Rep.ns appearing from the several Prepar.ve meetings are. From

Smithfield upper House Joseph Buffum, & Jonathan Mowry

From Uxbridge Daniel Aldrich, & Samuel Aldrich.

From Smithfield Lower House, Thomas Lapham Jun.r & Joseph Mosher.

The friends to Discourse with Moses Brown, Concerning his Request to come under the care of friends, Do Report, that they have had an opportunity with Him, and think it may be safe to grant his Request. Therefore he is Rec.d under the care of this Meeting.

The friends appointed to see the Marriage of Asa Aldrich Consumated Report, that it was Consumated, in an orderly manner, according to their Observation.

The friends appointed to treat with Stephen Hilton, Report that they have treated with him, and that he still gave some hopes of manni~~m~~ting his negro boy, Therefore the same friends are Continued to further treat with him and make Report to next monthly meeting.

The friends Continued to visit Mijamin Taft Jun.r Report that they have visited him, but not finding Satisfaction ~~[illegible]~~ This meeting Continues said friends and adds to them David Steere ~~[illegible]~~ Thomas Lapham Jun.r, Moses Farnum George Smith & Daniel Anthony, and they to further visit him. And Report to next monthly meeting.

The Com.tee Respecting George Southwick, Report, that they have had an opportunity with him, and his conversation was so far Satisfactory, that they think it best to receive the paper he sent to this meeting, Condemning the Conduct he was Complain.d of for. Therefore this meeting passes by his said Conduct, and Continues him under their care, and Desires David Farnum to read said paper at the Close of a meeting at the Brick Meeting House and make Return to next M.o.ly Mg.t.

The friends to visit W.m Barker, Do Report, that they have Visited him and are not satisfied respecting him, Therefore this meeting Continues said friends and adds to them George Comstock, David Buffum, & Thomas Lapham Jun.r and they to further visit him and make Report to next m.o.ly meeting.

Asa Aldrich Reports, that he read the paper from Ezekiel Fowler as Desired.

This meeting appoints Jon.a Arnold to Read the Testimony of Benjamin Hoeum Jun.r Deniel, at the Lower & upper meeting Houses in Smithfield.

And also to Read the Testimony of Simeon Arnold's Deniel, at the Lower meeting House at the Close of a meeting, & make Return to next M.o.ly Mee.gt.

Benjamin Lapham & Nathan Comstock Request by Writing an appeal to the Q.ly M.g.t for each of them, from a Judgment of this meeting against them, in the 11th month last. which is granted & our friends Tho Steere George Comstock Daniel Aldrich & David Buffum, are appointed to represent the same in behalf of this meeting

The matter

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4th m.

The Matter from the Preparative meeting Concerning the People of the world setting up Publications on our meeting House Doors Respecting marriage, was considered and refer.d to next monthly meeting for further Consideration

Uxbridge Prepar.ve meeting Informing that they think best that meetings be appoint.d oftner at Northbridge, where upon this meeting appoints Daniel Southwick Adam Harkness, Elisha Thornton, George ~~Smith~~ Arnold & Thomas Lapham Jun.r to visit Northbridge meeting. And make Report what they think best to be done respecting it to next m.ly meet.g

The matter from Uxbridge Respecting Chusing visiters is refer.d to next monthly meeting for Consideration

The matter from the Lower House prepar.ve meeting, Respecting setting up a Youths meeting. Is Refer.d to next m.ly meeting for Consideration

The Epistle from the last Quarterly meet.g was Read and Kindly accepted.

This meeting gave a Certificate to Nine pardner Monthly meeting Recommending Mary Smith (who hath Removed there) Recommending her as a member & Elder in our Society. which was sign.d by the Clerk

Daniel Southwick & Moses Farnum Return.d the Certificates they Rec.d at last Monthly meeting, Signifying that they had perform.d their Intended Journey

Samuel Aldrich paid £ 2 . 7 . 4½ Lawful Money, being in part for Interest Due to this meeting. And George Comstock Rec.d it, towards the Horse sheds and this meeting gave Samuel Aldrich a Recit for said Money sign.d by the Clerk

5th month
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At Our Monthly meeting of friends held in Smithfield the 26th 5th month The meeting being Conveend, The Rep.ns appearing from the several Prepar.ve meetings are

From Smithfield upper House John Read & Wm Bussett
From Uxbridge Samuel Aldrich & Stephen Aldrich
From Smithfield Lower House Thomas Steere & Oziel Wilkinson

The Com.tee Continued 3 months past, to Visit Mendon Meeting. Report that they have visited said meeting, and that it appear.d in a very low state but as several friends at Northbridge signified a willingness to attend said meeting on 4th Days. the meet.g is continued the same as usual

The Com.tee Continued 3 months past to Treat with Jacob Arnold. Report that they have treated with him according to appointment and have brought a Paper of acknowledgment but said he was unwilling it should be Read in Publick Therefore this meeting appoints Samuel Aldrich, Daniel Aldrich, Jonath Mowry & Robert Wilkinson, to take further opportunity with Him Concerning it. Annd Report to next m.ly meet.g

Two of the Com.tee Continued 3 months past to visit Situate friends on acc.t of their Requesting a Meeting House to be built there. Report that they have visited them and think it best that, that matter be continued, Therefore the same is Continued under the Care of the same Com.tee to further visit friends there. and Report to this meet.g in the 8th m.o next

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As one of the Comtee Respecting Stephen Hilton is not present this meeting continues that matter unde the care of the same friends, and they to report to next mly meetg — and Thomas Steere is added to them.

Eight of the Comtee to treat with Mijamin Taft Junr. Report that they have treated with him; And that he did not appear in a State of mind Suitable to give friends Satisfaction, yet this meeting Refers that matter to next mly meeting for further Consideration.

The Comtee appointed to treat with Wm Barker, Report that they have treated with him, and that the opportunity was not to Satisfaction, Therefore this meeting Refers, that matter, and appoints our friends Adam Harkness, John Walker, Thomas Steere, Jabez Wing, Samuel Aldrich and David Steere to further treat with Him. and Report to next mly mgt.

David Farnum, & Jona Arnold, Report that they have Read the several papers according to appointment.

The matter Concerning setting up Publications on our meeting Houses, is Referd. to next mly Meetg for Consideration

Four of the Comtee to visit North Bridge meetg. Report that they think it might be best to hold a meeting there every first day of the week, and on ~~every~~ the first fifth day of the week in every month, and on the third fifth day when there is 5 fifth days in the month — Therefore the same is so appointed.

addition of meetgs at North bridge

The matter of Choosing Visiter is again Referd. to next mly meetg —

The matter of setting up A Youths Meetg is again Referd to next mly meetg

This meetg being Informd. that Benja Slocum Desires a Certificate to Nine pardner Mly Meetg in order to move to Hoosuck, where upon this meeting appoints, Benja Arnold & Jona Arnold to Inquire how he has settled his outward affairs — And Report to next mly meeting —

David Farnum is appointed to Read the Testimony of John Jenney's Deniel at the Close of a meeting at the Brick meeting House — And Nathan Harkness is Desired to Read the Testimony of Daniel Keats Deniel at the Close of friends meeting at Richmond — and they to make Report to ~~next mly~~ this meeting as soon as may be convenient.

6 month 1774 At Our Monthly Meeting of friends held at Smithfield the 30th day of the 6 month 1774 The meeting being Convenid the Repr. appearing from the several Prepar. meetgs are From Smithfield Upper House, Adam Harkness & Asa Smith

From Smithfield Lower House, Samuel Arnold, & Richard Mowry

From Uxbridge, Benjamin Gaskill

Caleb Greene appear.d in this meeting and Requested for himself & Children to be taken under the care of Friends, Upon which this meeting appoints our friends Thomas Steere, Thomas Lapham Jun.r & Job Scott, to take a Solid opportunity with him concerning his request, and Report to next monthly meeting

The Com.tee to Treat with Jacob Arnold, Report that they have treated with him, and he still Continues unwilling to leave it to friends, whether his paper of Acknowledgment, should be Published or not Therefore our friends Adam Harkness, Moses Farnum, George Smith, Wm Buffum, & Elisha Thornton to take his paper & return it to him, and treat with him as they may find necessary, and Report to next m.ly meetg.

The Com.tee Respecting Stephen Hall not being all present, That matter is refer.d and the same Com.tee Continued to fulfil their appointment and Report to next m.ly meeting

The matter Respecting Mijamin Taft Jun.r is again Refer.d to next m.ly meetg. and the same Com.tee Continued and then to Report

The Com.tee Respecting Wm Barker, Report that they have had a Conference with Him, which was measurably to Satisfaction, and a Paper from him Condemning his placeing out two of his sons, was read & this meeting accepts it and continues him under their Care

The Matter Respecting setting up publications at our Meeting House, is again Refer.d to the m.ly meetg in the 8 m.o next for further Consideration

The matter Concerning Choosing visiters was consider.d, and this meeting Discharges the former Visiters, and appoints Adam Harkness, Thomas Steere, Benjamin Arnold, Moses Farnum, Daniel Aldrich, & David Buffum, visiter in this meetg.

The friends to Inquire how Benj.a Slocum hath settled his affairs, Report that they have made Inquirry & Dont find but that they are settled to Satisfaction upon which this meeting gave a Certificate Recommending him to the care of Ninepartner m.ly meetg. which was sign.d by the Clerk

Wm Buffum & Thomas Lapham Jun.r who was appointed to converse with Isaac Killey by writing or otherwise Respecting his making friends satisfaction, on acct. of his purchasing land at Hoosuck, under some Intanglements to settle a priest. Report that they have conversed with him, and think it may be best for friends to receive his Acknowledgment Dated 11th m.o last, Therefore the same is accepted and he again Rec.d under the care of friends,

And as Hoosuck is concluded to be under Ninepardner m.ly meeting, This meeting on his Request, gave a Certificate Recommending him to said meeting.

Nathan Harkness & David Farnum made Report that they read the several Testimonies, according to appointment

The Queries, and Answers from the prepar.ve meetgs were read and an acct. to the Quarterly meetg. with General Answers therein were Read, approved of & sign.d by the Clerk, And Tho Steere, Daniel Cass, Jon.a Arnold, Wm Buffum & Samuel Arnold are appointed to attend said Qrly meeting,

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The Matter from Smithfield upper House Preparative meeting respecting building the House this meeting is held in, was considered, and concluded up in the Acct. to the Quarterly meeting for their advice.

This meeting Rec.d of George Smith £4.12.5. Lawful money and also gave him an order on Luke Aldrich for the same which was sign.d by the Clerk.

Luke Aldrich Rec.d £2.2.0 towards the Horse sheds at the Lower Meeting House.

And George Comstock rec.d £2.10.5. towards the Horse sheds at Smithfield upper House.

The matter respecting setting up a Youths meeting again referred forward m.ly meeting for Consideration.

At our Monthly meeting of friends held at Smithfield the 28th of the 6th month 1774. The meeting being Convened the Rep.ts appearing from the several Preparative meetings are

From Smithfield upper House, Adam Harkness & Wm. Wilson.
From Uxbridge — Jonathan Varnum, & Stephen Allen,
From Smithfield Lower House, David Steere, & Jon.a Arnold Jun.r

The friends to Discourse with Caleb Green Report that he appears intangled in holding a hand in some blacks as Slaves. Therefore said Com.tee is continued George Comstock, & Moses Brown is added to them, and they to take further opportunity with him. Also Report to next m.ly meet.g

This meeting Rec.d the Epistle from the last Yearly meeting with the Minutes, transcripts, one from the last Yearly m.g of Rhode Is. and one from London and one from Philadelphia, which were Read & kindly received. Also rec.d about 200 of the London printed Epistles, most of which were pretty lately dispersed and 2 Books compiled by the Yearly m.g of the Quakers & by Dr. Fowler, which were sent us by the Yearly m.ly of London.

The Committee respecting Jacob Arnold not having fulfilled their appointment they are still Continued for that service. And to Report to next m.ly m.g

The friends appointed to treat with Stephen Lilton to Report that they have treated with him, & that there appears some Hopes of his complying with friends advice, Therefore said Com.tee is still to continue further treat with him, & Report to next m.ly meeting.

Elizabeth Southwick Return.d her Certificate she has from this meeting in the 8th month 1773. with Certificates from the Qu.ly meeting at Cain Creek North Carolina, Dated 5th m.o last. Also one from the Yearly meeting at Curls in Virginia, Date same month, Signifying their Satisfaction with her visit &c.

Comfort Hoag was at this meeting in her Return from the westward where Elizabeth Southwick hath been to accompany her. And her Testimony at this meeting was truly acceptable. And this meeting [illegible] Signifying the same to Hanston m.ly meeting, where she belongs, which was sign.d by order of the

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The Matter respecting a Tiyaman left Jany is again Refer^d, and our friends Thomas Teere, George Smith, George Comstock, David Buffum, Stephen Thurman, David Teere, Elisha Thornton, Benedick Arnold, Ozel Wilkinson & Thomas Lapham Junr are appointed to further Labour^d with him, and Report, concern^g m^ly meeting how they find the state of his mind, and what they think best to be done respecting him

The matter respecting setting up a Youth's meeting is again Refer^d to next m^ly meeting for further Consideration —

George Comstock is appointed Treasurer to this meeting

This meeting gave Elisabeth Southwick a certificate to visit friends at Salem, signify^g our unity with her Intended visit, & Publick Testimony, which was sign^d by the Clerk

This meeting gave Wm. Buffum & Jon^a Arnold, each of them a certificate to friends in New York Government, to which place they propose to accompany Robert Valentine, John Simson, Susanna Lightfoot & Elizabeth Roberson, who hath been in our parts on a Religious visit, the same were sign^d by the Clerk —

This meeting gave a Certificate to Wm Jones in order to accompany John Carter into New York Government, signifying our unity with him as minister and Member which was sign^d by the Clerk —

This meeting Concludes to hold the next m^ly meeting on the 29th of next month —

At Our Monthly meet^g of friends held in Smithfield the 29th of 8th mo 1774. The meeting being Convened, The Rep^ts appearing from the several Preparative meet^gs are

From Smithfield upper House, David Buffum, & Elisha Thornton

From Uxbridge, Benjamin Gaskill & Benedick Arnold

From Smithfield Lower House, Tho. Teere, & Ozel Wilkinson

This meeting Rec^d a Certificate from Dover m^ly meet^g, Directed to a m^ly meet^g at Mendon, Supposed to be Intended to be for this meeting, Signifying Elijah Meaders being a member of their meet^g & of an Orderly life and Conversation, when among them. And as he is moved to Richmond, this meeting receives him under their Care —

The Com^tee Respecting Caleb Greene, Do Report, that the same Difficulty yet remains as at last m^ly meet^g, Therefore the same Com^tee is continued to assist him therein — And Report to next m^ly meeting —

The Com^tee Respecting Jacob Arnold, Report, that they have conversed with him and that he is willing to leave it to friends whether his acknowledgement should be read in Publick or not. Therefore this meeting receives him under their care and appoints George Comstock to read said Acknowledgm^t, at the close of a meeting at this House —

The Com^tee Respecting Stephen Hilton, Report that they have Labour^d with him and he still neglects to manumit his Negro boy Therefore this meeting Desires the Com^tee to Inform Him, that, unless he manumits his Negroe Boy agreable to friends Rules, by next m^ly meet^g, It is proposed to proceed to a Denial against Him and said Com^tee to make Return at that time

The —

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The Comtee respecting Benjamin Tifft Junr Report that they have had an opportunity with him, and that he did not fully appear in a state suitable to make friends satisfaction, therefore said Comtee is still Continued for further Labour, and Report to next mo.ly meet.g —

The matter Respecting setting up a Youths meeting was consider'd and the is appointed to be held on the first 5th day of next month at Smithfield upper House to begin at the 11th hour.

Moses Farnum, Jona. Arnold Junr. & Wm. Buffum returned the Certificate they Rec.d last m.ly meet.g signifying that they have ...

The Reference respecting the People of the world setting up publications on our meeting Houses was consider'd and the same is concluded to be sent to next Quarterly meeting for their advice. —

This meeting being inform'd that Elisabeth Southwick has a mind to attend Salem Quarterly meeting of which this meeting approves, & orders the Clerk to give her a Copy of this minute, and sign the same

This meeting concludes to send to Philadelphia for the following Books viz, Wm. Penn's Rise & Progress, with Rt. Barclays & ... Pikes Dialogue on Church Discipline — — 1 Doz.n — £ 1. 2. —
The Journal of the Life of R Davis 1/2 Doz.n — 1 — —
The true harmony of mankind by John Woolman 4 Doz.n — 8 — —
John Woolmans Epistle to the Q.ly meet.g just before he went for Engl.d 1/2 Dozen — 10 — —
Two Treatises on Tithes lately published by fr.ds in Engl.d 1 Doz.n — 3 — —
The grounds of a Holy Life by Hugh Turford 1/2 Dozen — 1 — —
Barclays Catechism, with our antient Testimony
and the Extracts of the Rules of our Discipline 1/2 Doz.n about — 1 —
The Journal of the Life of Daniel Stanton 4 of them — 9. 11 —
The whole amount Philadelphia Currency — £ 4. 0 —
which is £ 3. 4. 0 Lawful money
And Moses Farnum is desired to send for said Books and the Preparative Meetings are desired to Raise the above said sum at their next setting and to him send

This meeting appoints George Comstock, George Arnold, & Robert Wilkinson, to audit the Accounts of our Overseers of the Poor, & Report to next m.ly meeting —

Antipas Earl & Gardiner Earl have taken and Recorded a Deed of the Meeting House Lot at Leicester, and have got it Recorded and the same is ordered to be Lodged with the Clerk —

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At our Monthly meeting of friends held in Smithfield the 29th of the 9th month 1774 The meeting being Convened The Repts appearing from the several Preparative meetgs are

From Smithfield Upper House Jabez Wing & Wm Bassett

From Uxbridge Moses Darmun & Gardner Earle

From Smithfield Lower House John Walker & Benjamin Arnold

The Comtee Respecting Caleb Greene's Request, Report that the same difficulty yet remains as heretofore. Therefore the same Comtee is continued to assist him and Report to next mthly meetg

George Comstock Reports that he has not read the Paper from Benj Arnold by reason that he thinks he has mislaid it, and as yet has not found it. Therefore he is still continued to read it if he can find it and report to next mthly meetg

Benedict Arnold & Sarah Southwick appeared in this meeting and Declared their Intentions of taking each other in marriage, whereupon Abiel Chaffin & Elisha Mowry are appointed to enquire into her clearness in that respect & report to next meetg

Daniel Southwick one of the Comtee to inform Stephen Hilton of the Complaint of last mthly meetg not having been to Informed him, and Desiring to have a further opportunity with Him, that matter is referd to next mthly meetg

Joseph Chaffee informs that Daniel Alley desires a Certificate to this meeting, and also his Brother Thaddeus Alley appeared in this meeting & Claimed a right as a member. Therefore our friends Thomas Mowry of Thomas, Moses Darmun David Chaffee & Benjamin Arnold, to consider whether they have a right amongst us as members or not & make Report to next mthly meetg

Mess of the Comtee Respecting Benjamin Hoffman, Report that they have had an opportunity with Him, and think there is hopes of his making friends with Friends. Therefore the same Comtee is still continued for further labour, & to report to next mthly meetg

The friends to audit the acts of the overseers of the Poor, Report that they have accepted & is as follows. We who were appointed by last mthly meetg to audit the accts of the Overseers of the Poor, Have accordingly Examined them & found them right

Adam Thomas is in Debt to the Poor [illegible] Dollars & [illegible] Pence

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which sums the Preparative meetgs are desired to raise & pay to George Comstock Treasurer

Robert Wilkinson
George Arnold

Uxbridge Preparative meetg informing that friends at Richmond Rhode Island have a Preparative meetg granted them upon which this meeting appoints Thomas Thomas Adam Harkness & Moses Darmun, Benjamin Arnold, Daniel Aldrich, David Bassett & Lydia Wilkinson to pay them a visit and consider what is best to be done respecting it, & also they are desired to pay Joseph Lewis a visit respecting a Paper he sent to this meetg, & report to this meetg as soon as may be convenient

This meeting adjourns to the 9th Hour to morrow morning

met

1774 9th mo. The meeting met by Adjournment — Smithfield Lower House — Preparative meeting Informing that Desiring this meeting to prepare a 13th Query Suitable for the Preparative meetgs to Answer Therefore this meeting appoints Elisha Thornton Moses Brown & Thomas Lapham Junr to prepare one, and bring to next mly meetg. —

The friends Continued in the 8th mo. last to visit friends at Situate not Reporting to last mly meetg. by Reason the minute was not present of their appointment Do now Report as follows That they have visited friends there and think it best for the meeting to be continued there — and that it might be best to build a meeting House there before it be long. Our friend Ezekiel Comstock Moses Brown, David Arnold Wm Buffum & George Arnold, are appointed as auditers to adjust all accts or Demands against this meetg. They or any three of them so adjusting any acct are to Certifie the same with the sum due, which shall be a ~~sufficient~~ Sufficient warrant for the Treasurer to pay the same. And the Treasurer is hereby Impowerd To Collect & Receive all Monies that is or may be due to this meetg, and to pay the same out to the orders of the meetings, audit, as well as by a particular Direction of this meeting, Giving and taking Discharges for the same

The Queries were Read and the several Answers from the preparative meetings with general answers compared therefrom, and an acct with the general answers Inserted therein to the Quarterly meetg, was Read & signd by the Clerk. And Benjamin Arnold, George Comstock, Jenr, Arnold Jabez Wing & David Buffum are appointed Repns to attend said Quarterly meetg — This meeting sent by the Repns three Dollars for the Yearly meetg Stock

1774 10th mo. All Our mly Meeting of friends held in Smithfield by agreement a day before the usual time the 26th 10th mo 1774 — The meeting being Conveend. The Representatives appearing from the several Repnt meetgs are From Smithfield Upper House Adam Harkness & Wm Buffum From Uxbridge Daniel Aldrich From Smithfield Lower House Oziel Wilkinson —

The Epistle from the last Quarterly meeting was read and kindly accepted — The Comtee Respecting Caleb Greene Do Report that the same difficulty yet remains as heretofore Therefore that matter is referd under the care of the same Comtee And they to make Report to next mly meetg —

George

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George Comstock Reports that he has not found the paper from Jacob Arnold therefore this meeting dismisses that matter . . . . . [illegible] paper was found some time after & Order'd to Lodged on file.

The Com'ee to Inquire in Benedict Arnold's Clearness respecting marriage Report that they have made Inquiry and find nothing to hender him from proceeding in Marriage with Sarah Southwick, and they appear'd in this meeting, & received their Answer, for marriage and David Buffum & Elisha Thornton are appointed to see the same Consumated — & Report to next M'ly Mgt —

Daniel Southwick not having had an opportunity with Stephen Hilton, he still desiring to have one that matter is refer'd to next M'ly meeting to give him an opportunity —

The Com'ee appointed respecting Daniel & Micajah Killey. Do Report which is accepted & is as follows — We the Com'ee Appointed upon the Request of Daniel Killey &c, Have met and after some Deliberation ~~[illegible]~~ are of opinion that as it appears The Children of Joseph Killey have not been brought up & Educated in the way that Truth leads into: And as our M'ly meeting have heretofore thought; that as fathers have the Chief power to Command Children — That such Children who were under tutors and their Mothers ~~[illegible]~~ only members of our Society, They be not took upon as members; Therefore for both them Reasons we think the Children of Joseph Killey ought not to be considered as having a Right of Membership with us — Thomas Steere, Adam Harkness, Benjamin Arnold, David Buffum, Moses Farnum

The friends appointed to prepare a 15th Query, Suitable for the Preparative meetings to Answer have presented one which is accepted & is as follows.

15th Query

Are you Concerned Regularly to whatever with all offenders in the Spirit of meekness & Wisdom, without Partiality or unnecessary Delay and where any Conference of Venute to timely acquaint the monthly meetings there with!

The Matter from the Lower House Prepar've meeting Respecting the form of the Grand Juriors Engagement, was Consider'd and this meeting appoints Moses Farnum, Ezekiel Comstock, Adam Harkness, Job Scott, George Arnold & David Steere, a Com'ee to Consider what is best to be done Respecting it, & Report to next M'ly Meeting

10 mo. Our [illegible] to the [illegible] meeting informing that the Mtg. Meeting Concluded, that it might be best to build a meeting House at Wonsoaket 45 feet long & 32 feet wide — Therefore this meeting appoints Thomas Ezekiel Comstock, Zebez Wing, Daniel & Ulrich & Moses Harnum, Samuel Aldrich & Richard Mowry a Comtee to Consider what form to build our House whether with Brick or wood & report to next m[o]ly meeting

A Copy was now kept of the report made respecting John Bishop & Daniel Lapham, that have married out of the Care of Friends, and the matter being then left for Consideration this meeting now appoints Samuel Aldrich Jonathan Harnum, Ezekiel Wilkinson & Samuel Arnold to revisit them & make report to next m[o]ly meeting what they think best to be done respecting them —

A Our monthly meeting of Friends held at Smithfield the 2[d] day of the 11[th] month 1774 The meeting being Convened, the report appearing from the several Cong[ar]tes meet[g]s are

From Smithfield Upper House Adam Harkness & Joe Smith

From Uxbridge Samuel Aldrich & Cornelius Arnold

From Smithfield Lower House John Holden —

The Com[tee] respecting Lucretia Greene's request, Report that the same obstruction remains as heretofore, therefore the same Com[tee] is still continued for to attend to that & report to next m[o]ly meet[g] —

One of the Com[tee] to see to the marriage of Cornelius Arnold Contents report that he attended with marriage and found no cause but that it was consummated in an orderly manner —

Daniel Southwick informs that he has put Stephen Hilton out to a Tailor but he did not appear for to manumitt his Negroe boy, agreable to Friends Rules — Therefore this meeting puts him from under their Care until he shall make the meeting Satisfaction for his so neglecting to manumitt his Negroe boy — Samuel Brown & Thomas Lapham are appointed to inform him of the above Conclusion & right of appeal, And draw a testimony of his Denial and bring to next m[o]ly meeting —

The Com[tee] to Consider of the form of the Grand Jurors Engagement, report that they have not fully Considered the same, therefore the said Com[tee] is still Continued to fulfil their appointment — And report to next m[o]ly meet[g]

The Com[tee] to Consider what form to build the meeting House &c Do report which is accepted and is as follows to wit — We the Com[tee] appointed to Consider the [illegible] form [illegible] place — and are to Consider [illegible] here on, — and it is our judgment, that a House of Thirty four feet

length

Length thirty five in width twenty feet & half in height to be fill'd round at the back part of the highest part of that house with stone & lime and over the said highest part the roofe of a convenient length for apartments for men & women & a chimney thereon & one on the other & a door to be made in the middle of the back part —

Thomas Chew, John Chew, Samuel Allen, & Richard Allen, Richard Allen, Samuel Coulston, Junr & Jonathan Jones

And this meeting appoints Isaac Coxe, John Stiles, Junr & Matthew Conn^r to build & finish said House according to the above directions & make report to this meeting when finished —

This day John Lippincott & Wife, a member from Burlington monthly meeting, signifying the change of their dwelling here, & request of Marriage, was read & accepted, & he & wife have appeared in this meeting & declared their intention of taking each other in marriage, of which this meeting takes notice & defers them to come to meet in this place for an Answer,

Samuel Allen, & Jon^a Thomas report that they have had conversation with John Lippincott but it was not to their satisfaction, therefore they are continued to take further opportunity with him, & report to next monthly meeting —

Samuel Allen, & Abel Walker report that they have conversed with Daniel Lippincott, and that he appears sensible of his error in accompanying the person above said, this meeting puts him from under their care until he makes further satisfaction — And appoints George Crosdale to inform him of his Right of appeal & Draw a Testimony of his Conduct — And report to this meeting when accomplished —

This meeting gives a certificate to Daniel Lippincott to Burlington monthly meeting signifying his clearness in Regard of Marriage among us & which was sign'd by Friends

All the other business before this meeting referred to next monthly meeting —

At our Monthly meeting of friends held in Smithfield the 17th day of the 12th Mo. 1774 The meeting being concerned the Lord's appearing from the several Preparative meetings are, viz. Smithfield & Upper Housego, Samuel & George Comfort

From Northbridge Stephen Albright & Jon^a Thomas

From Smithfield & Upper Housego Thomas Chew & Benjamin Lewis

Friends Nat^l Jones & Jeremiah Lippincott signifying to meet here on account for which being clear this meeting appoints the above Samuel Comfort & John Thomas Lewis Allinder, Wm Hughes & Benj^a Lewis, to take a conference with him and make report to the adjournment of this meeting. Also to find the state of his mind and whether they think it best for friends to release his papers or not —

Smithfield & Upper Housego Preparative meeting informing that Lewis Jones hath deviated from the good order of friends in unnecessarily attending places of Worship & in associating with some Disorderly company, Friends are not duly attending on meetings for worship, of late years with from any religious exercise in Relation to Slavery

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Language, and attended the raising of a meeting House for a People the manner of whose devotion we have not unity with. There upon this meeting appoints Benjn. Arnold, Elisha Thornton, Samuel Aldrich & George Arnold, to treat with Him respecting the above Complaint. And Report to next mo. ly meeting.

Uxbridge Repar. Meetg. Informing that friends at Douglass, desire a meeting to be held there once a month, and the same is resolved to meet mo. ly meetg. for Consideration. Most of the Comtee. Respecting Mijamin Taft junr. Do Report that they have had an opportunity with him, and think there is hopes of his making friends satisfaction. Therefore that matter is refer. under the care of the same Comtee. and they to take further opportunity with him and Report to next mo. ly meetg.

The friends contrib. to Labour with Jesse Darling. Report that they have appeared with him, and think it best that that matter be refer. Therefore the same is refer. under the care of said Comtee. with Elisha Thornton who is added to them. & they to Report to next mo. ly meetg.

Smithfield upper House Repar. Meetg. Informing that Ruth Hage appears to be in a necessitous Circumstance, and friends not being satisfied whether she is under the care of this meetg. or not, upon which this meeting appoints Thomas Meere, Jabez King, Ezekiel Comstock, David Buffum & Thomas Lapham junr. to take the matter under Consideration, and make Report to the Adjournment of this meeting what they think best to be done respecting Her.

Uxbridge Repar. Meetg. Informing that Sith Gifford was in the Treatment of Court Ship, with one not of our Society, and he being Labour, with and gave no Encouragement to desist therefrom. Upon which this meeting appoints Elisha Thornton, & Jonathan Mowry to further Labour with him. And Report to next mo. ly meetg.

This meetg. Adjourns to the 2d day of next week at the 11 Hour.

The meetg. met according to adjournment.

The Comtee. Respecting Benjn. Lapham made Report that they have had a Conference with him, and that his Disposition of mind appeared poorly, much to Correspond with his paper, and that it might be best to Loose said paper for the Present to see how his conduct shall be for the future, which Report is accepted and Thos. Meere, Wm. Buffum & Elisha Thornton are appointed to further Converse with Him as occasion shall offer. And Report to this meetg. in the 3 mo. next.

Most of the Comtee. for this being absent Respecting Caleb Greene who Requested for himself & Children to come under the care of friends. Report that the matter of his holding some part in some blacks as Slaves, is removed by his manumitting them, and that they do not find anything to hinder his Request from being granted. Therefore he and his Children whose names are Thomas & Sarah are Received under the care of this meeting.

The

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The Com^tee appointed respecting the form of the Genl Meeting's Engagement [illegible] Report that [illegible] considered that matter [illegible] Therefore Said Com^tee [illegible] continued for that Service [illegible] Report to next m^ly meeting.

[illegible] for marriages [illegible] plished. And Report to next m^ly meet^g.

Moses Brown & Thomas Lapham [illegible] Report that they have [illegible] Hilton [illegible] and also [illegible] of [illegible] which being read was approved of & [illegible] by the Clerk.

The Com^tee respecting [illegible] Report that they have had a conference on the subject and [illegible] to make further Inquiry. Therefore they are continued for the same & to Report to next m^ly meet^g.

Smithfield Lower House Prepar^ve Informing that John Smith & Silas Smith Sons of Thomas Smith of [illegible] have for some considerable time absented from friends meetings and associate with vain & unprofitable Company, and refused to comply with friends advice. And that it is reported that Silas hath been often overtaken with the excessive use of [illegible] Strong Drink. Whereupon this meeting appoints Thomas [illegible] & [illegible] to Inspect that matter and Labour with them. & Report to next m^ly meeting.

Said Prepar^ve [illegible] also Informing that they thinks it necessary that an Horse Shed and Little House be built at our meeting House in Providence. Whereupon this meeting appoints Thomas [illegible] Samuel Arnold, David Buffum & Jon^a [illegible] to consider how big to make said Buildings and where to set them. And Report to next m^ly meet^g.

Moses Farnum & David Buffum Two of the Com^tee appointed to visit [illegible] that have married out of the order of friends Report that they have visited [illegible] Smith son of Hezekiah. And that he acknowledges he has not lived agreeable to our Profession in many things and claims no right of membership in our Society, and as he hath married out of the order of friends. This meeting [illegible] their care and as his Education hath been but little by friends, this meeting [illegible] not to publish his [illegible] any further at present.

The Queries were Read and [illegible] in this meeting & an [illegible] was [illegible] to the [illegible] meeting & approved of & sign^d by the Clerk. And [illegible] David Buffum, Daniel Anthony, & Jon^a Arnold, are appointed Representatives to attend said [illegible] meet^g.

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At Our Monthly Meeting of friends held in Smithfield the 26th day of the [illegible] 1775. The meeting being Convend. The Repts. appearing from the [illegible] Preparative meetgs. are

From Smithfield Upper House Jabez Wing & [illegible]

[illegible]

From Smithfield Lower House Daniel Anthony, & David [illegible]

The Epistle from the last Qrly meeting was Read & kindly accepted, and agreable to the advice of the Qrly meetg. This meeting Recommends to the [illegible] Preparative meetgs. [illegible] for [illegible] and send up their [illegible]

[illegible] of the [illegible] Report, That they have had an opportunity with him, and it appeard he had been [illegible] of all the [illegible] Complaint of [illegible] attending the Raising the meeting [illegible] that his disposition appeard not like making friends satisfaction, therefore as there appears no hopes of his making satisfaction at Present; This meeting puts him from under their care. And appoints Elisha Thornton & George [illegible] to inform him of this Conclusion & his right of appeal. And [illegible] of his Deceit, and Report to next mthly meeting.

The matter Respecting friends having a meeting at [illegible] was Considered and the meeting appoints [illegible] to be held there once a month on the [illegible] day of the week before the Preparative meeting week for 3 months next [illegible]

The Comtee Respecting [illegible] have not had an opportunity with him. Therefore they are still Continued for that service. And to Report [illegible] mthly meetg.

The Comtee Respecting [illegible] Report [illegible] with him, and that he did not appear in a [illegible] friends satisfaction for [illegible] out of the order of friends. But no [illegible] an opportunity with him. This meeting Refers that matter till next mthly meetg.

The Comtee Respecting [illegible] Report which is accepted & is as follows.

[illegible] to the Request of last mthly meetg. Having [illegible] into the Circumstance of the affair Relating [illegible] Hope, and it appears to us That she went out & [illegible] Contrary to the good order of friends and we do not find that she [illegible] any suitable satisfaction for her so doing, though [illegible] with by friends. And we [illegible] by some, that she was under a Delirium, and so not accountable for her own conduct. We have endeavoured to make the best enquiry, we could what her Circumstance was at the time of her marriage, and we can not discern any thing but that she had her natural Reason at that time and so Consequently accountable for her own conduct. Therefore it is our opinion that she hath Estimated herself from friends, and that they will be clear if they do not support her in any sort, according to the rules of our Society. [illegible] Lapham [illegible]

The Committee appointed formerly concerning a Gifford [illegible] that they have [illegible] time, and still hope of the opportunity therefore that matter is continued under the care of said Comte & Report to next m.ly mtg.

The Committee to consider of the form of the Friends Meeting House report which is accepted & is as follows — — — We the Comte appointed to consider of the matter respecting the Friends Society Engagement have met according to Adjournment & are of opinion that such Friends who thought that Engagement was not proper to be done were mistaken & be Eighty or Eighty Seventh of — but by their conformity being more general, they had & hope the matter is at Period.

[illegible] — — Thomas Hartshorne [illegible] Jonathan Comfort, Samuel Thomas, Joseph Scott, George Brown

The Friends appointed to see the marriage of David Shepherd consummated report that according to their observation it was consummated [illegible]

The Friends appointed to labour with John [illegible] report that they have had an opportunity with John but not with other [illegible] therefore that matter is continued under the care of the said Friends — [illegible] report [illegible] monthly meeting — The Friends appointed respecting [illegible] report as follows [illegible] have met & have conferred with John [illegible] relating to the [illegible] & are of opinion that it may be well to build a [illegible] yet long with little House at the end of about five feet square, the whole to be contain about 30 feet in length, and to be set at the northeasterly part of the yard, near the [illegible] Jeffery, Jonathan Myers, Samuel Brown —

And Moses Brown & David Anthony are appointed to Erect said Buildings and make Report to this meeting when finished —

[illegible] report of David [illegible] being [illegible] were approved of & [illegible] —

[illegible] report [illegible] informing [illegible] House of Worship [illegible] also [illegible] of the order Friends [illegible] and [illegible] Concerning said matter — & Report to next m.ly meet.g —

[illegible] that a meeting House be built at Coventry after some time — And this meeting Reconsidering that matter, [illegible] Stephen Hoffman, Elisha Scott, Thomas Wilcox, & Israel Wilkinson [illegible] House, [illegible] to build [illegible] and to give [illegible] Providing [illegible] report [illegible] —

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From Habrille, Saml. Fowler & Samuel Camstock

From Smithfield Lower House Thomas Lapham Junr.

[illegible]

and to Consider of their Request Respecting holding a Preparative meeting there — Report that they have visited them And think it may be best that a preparative meeting be granted them, for one year next ensuing Therefore [illegible] the week preceeding the Mly meetg week —

[illegible]

in keeping Company &c Therefore the same is Recd, on satisfaction, and George [illegible]

House, and at Tho Sleeres —

[illegible] Inform [illegible] Daniel [illegible] have [illegible] which was read approved of & Signd by the Clerk —

[illegible] Report That through his mistake [illegible] to next Mly Meetg —

[illegible]

[illegible]

The Comtee Respecting building a meeting House at Scituate not having fully accomplished their appointment They are still Continued and [illegible] they to Consider that matter and Report to next Mly meetg —

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concerning said Condys [illegible]

[illegible] informing [illegible]

& Report to next m^ly meet^g

The Lower House Repar^ve meet^g Desiring this meeting to appoint a Com^tee to consider whether the following Children have a Right among friends or not [illegible] Children of [illegible] Deceas^d Daniel Aldrich Deceas^d Wm Gulley Deceas^d and Joseph Lapham not Deceas^d where upon this meeting appoints Thomas [illegible] [illegible] Lapham [illegible] Daniel Aldrich [illegible] John Walker David [illegible] [illegible] Comstock [illegible] said Children's Right, and all others they may think necessary to consider of [illegible] Report to next m^ly meet^g

By the Request of Abraham Lapham, this meeting gave a Certificate to the Nine Partner m^ly meet^g [illegible] which was [illegible]

[illegible] is in a needy Circumstance [illegible] neglects to take [illegible] [illegible] & Ezekiel Comstock a Com^tee to Labour with said Lawrence concerning it [illegible] & Report [illegible] meet^g

[illegible] meeting of [illegible] held at Smithfield the [illegible] of the month 1775 [illegible] meeting being [illegible] Repar^ve meetings are [illegible]

[illegible] Uxbridge, Stephen Aldrich, and David [illegible]

From Smithfield Lower House John Walker, & [illegible]

From Richmond Joseph Winge

[illegible] Comstock Reports that he Read the paper from John [illegible] [illegible] & Report to next m^ly meet^g

The Com^tee Respecting Hijanim [illegible] Report that they have had an opportunity with him and think it may be best to pass by his misconduct, and a paper from him Condemning his Transgressions, was read, and the matter Refer^d to next m^ly meeting for Consideration, because some friends are not satisfied

The Com^tee Respecting John & Silas Smith Report that they have not all of them had an opportunity with both of them. Therefore they are Continued to take further opportunity with them [illegible] Report to next m^ly meet^g

[illegible] and that they think it best that he be disown'd, Therefore this meeting puts him from under their care, and as it is Concluded that he hath not been took[illegible] [illegible] him of his denial, & Right of appeal — & Report to next m[o]ly meet[g] —

The Com[tee] appointed to Consider where to build the meeting House at Saturate Report, That they think it best to set said House on a lot a little [illegible] [illegible] Dwelling house [illegible] [illegible] Sheere are appointed to build said House, And Report when finished —

And David Sheere, & Richard Howry are appointed to take a Deed of said Lot and Bring to next m[o]ly meeting —

The Com[tee] to Labour with Moses Buffum Report, That they have discoursed [illegible] accepted for satisfaction, And Elisha Thornton is appointed to Rea[illegible] [illegible] meet[g] House — And Report to next m[o]ly meet[g] —

The Com[tee] to Inquire into Augustus Lapham's Clearness Respecting [illegible] nothing to hender his proceeding in marriage with Mary Scott, And they appear [illegible] [illegible] Answer in order for marriage, and Benjamin Arnold & Ezeiel Wilkinson are appointed to see the same Consumated — And Report to next M[o]ly M[g]t

The Com[tee] to Consider of the Right of Abiah Angell's Children among [illegible] Report which is accepted and as as follows —

The Com[tee] appointed to consider whether the following Children have a Right of Membership amongst us, Have mett & Considered thereof, and it is our opinion that as Abiah Angel Decea[d] Though married among [illegible] while living was not considered by friends as a member, and his Children [illegible] in the way of Truth — Therefore they ought not [illegible] having a right of membership among f[illegible] —

[illegible] had Some right by Birth, yet while he lived it appears to us, their Education was but [illegible] have had no Education like friends, and such of them as are grown to [illegible] very Contrary to the good order of our Society, And those in younger years, being in no ways under the [illegible]

3rd [illegible]

[illegible]tuition of Friends, Therefore we think it best ~~that~~ they be not considered as [illegible] [illegible]. Hannah Whipple [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] her Children to our meeting [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] of the [illegible] of our Society, [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] upon by Friends [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]. Therefore we think they ought not to be Considered as having a Right among us, as a People.

Joseph Lapham having for many years at times, Declared himself not of our Society, and has led a life very contrary to our Profession, but [illegible] was never Testified against by Friends. Yet he has not been considered as a member for a number of years; his Children have not been brought up [illegible] to our [illegible] and [illegible] looked upon as [illegible] by Friends, or others, as in any wise belonging to our Society. We think it best they be not considered as belonging to [illegible] members. We have [illegible] the circumstance of Ephraim Whipple's Children, and think they ought not to be considered as belonging to our Society.

[illegible] we submit it to the [illegible] meeting the [illegible] of the [illegible] month 1775

Thomas [illegible], [illegible], John Walker, Benjamin [illegible], George Smith, Daniel Aldrich, [illegible], [illegible], Moses Brown, George Comstock, David [illegible]

The [illegible] to Labour with [illegible] [illegible] Report that he [illegible] out some of Children. Therefore this meeting Continues said Com.tee to visit him in placeing them out; and Report to this meeting in the 9th m.o or sooner if necessary.

[illegible] too [illegible] said matter. [illegible] Report [illegible]

[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] Respecting [illegible] the same [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] and Report to next [illegible]

[illegible] Lower [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

[illegible] [illegible]

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4th Mo. [illegible] A Cur Monthly Meetg of Friends held in Smithfield the 27th of the [illegible]

[illegible]

Benjamin Shelleplace
From Uxbridge Benjamin Gaskill, & Daniel Aldrich —
[illegible]

From Richmond None

[illegible]

Each was Read, and all to good Satisfaction.

George Comstock, Reports that he read the paper from John Wing at the Close of a Meeting at Elizabeth Aldrich &c —

The Matter Respecting Benjamin Taft Junr was Considered, and [illegible]

[illegible]

And Report to next mthly meeting.

The Comtee Respecting John & Silas Smith, Report that they [illegible]

the matters Complained of. And that John did not think it best to be Continued under the care of Friends. And that Silas did not appear in a Gate Suitable to make Satisfaction. Therefore this meeting puts [illegible]

[illegible]

and Report to next mthly meetg —

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

Quarter, that he may be at [illegible]

[illegible] Robert [illegible]

Stephen Estes according to appointment &c

[illegible]
a Deed of the Lot of Land to set the meeting House on at Scituate ——

[illegible] Thornton, Reports that he Read the paper from Moses [illegible] according to appointment.

The Comm^tee^ app^d^ to see the marriage of Augustus Lapham Con Jumata, Report that according to their observation it was conducted orderly ——

[illegible] Report [illegible] guilty of the [illegible] satisfaction [illegible] care, until he shall make satisfaction [illegible] George [illegible] Arnold, to acquaint him of his Denial, & Right of appeal, and Draw a testimony of his Denial — and Report to next M^o^ly meeting —

The Com^tee^ Respecting the Tax not having fully [illegible] they are still Continued for the same Service — & to Report to next M^o^ly meet^g^.

[illegible]
a new appointment of Overseers, and the same is refer^d^ to next monthly meet^g^

Daniel Anthony is appointed to Read the Testimony of Steph[illegible] Denial, at the Close of [illegible] And Report to next m^o^ly meet^g^

George Arnold is appointed to Read the Testimony of [illegible] at this House, and at Mendon — And [illegible]

[illegible] for the poor of Boston [illegible]
Uxbridge — — — — — — £ 3..0..0
Smithfield Lower House — — — — 6..6..10
7..0..0

The whole amounting to £ 16..6..10

And this meeting appoints [illegible] Thomas Lapham [illegible] to convey and apply the same in the best way they in Wisdom may be directed ——

5 At our Monthly meeting [illegible] month 1775 [illegible] Prepar^ve^ meetings are, From Smithf^d^ Upp^r^ House Adm Harkness & Jabez Wing
From Uxbridge [illegible]
From Smithfield Lower House [illegible]
From Richmond, none
Comfort Hoeg was at this meeting [illegible]

Jonathan Farnum, Reports, That he Read the Paper from Benjamin's [illegible] according to appointment

The [illegible] not fully [illegible] and Report to next m^o^ly meet^g^

Hea[illegible]

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[illegible] Jonathan Wheeler Jun.r Respecting Marriage &c. was [illegible] & Mary Buffum appear.d in this meeting & [illegible] each other in marriage, and they were desired to come to next m.ly meet.g for an Answer. [illegible] each other in marriage — And were desired to come to next m.ly meet.g for an Answer.

The friends to Inquire into the Clearness of Levi Taft Respecting [illegible] — Report, That they find nothing to hender his proceeding in marriage [illegible]

George Comstock & George Arnold, Report, That they have sent a paper to [illegible] Aldrich [illegible] of his deniel [illegible] approved of & Sign.d by the Clerk —

The matter Refer.d to this meet.g Respecting reappointing Overseers, [illegible] Farnum Jonathan [illegible] Stephen Aldrich [illegible] Overseers in this meet.g untill they shall be [illegible]

Daniel Anthony — Reports that he read the Testimony of Stephen Kelton's Deniel, according to appointment — George Arnold Reports That he read the Testimony of David Gaskill's deniel, according to appointment —

The friends appointed to [illegible] the Donation of this meeting to friends in Boston — Report which is accepted & is as follows —

According to our Appointment we have earned the sum of £16.7.0 to Boston, Inspected the circumstances of Friends there, Found them in need of help, and have divided said sum among them, to our own, and we believe their Satisfaction, which was done in the following manner (viz)

To James Raymer	£0.18.0	To Sam.l Pope	£0.6
To Ebenezer Pope	1.10	To Robert Pope	0.3
To Ezra [illegible]	2.0	To John Phillips	0.18
To Ephraim Tilby	3.0	To Mary Gale	11
To Ezra Curten	3.0		
To Nathan Low	3.0		£16.7.0
To John Pope	0.18	Twopence added	

Done at Boston the 2.d of the 5.th m.o 1775 Counted the above decision to writing Sign.d by us, and delivered the writing and money to Ebenezer Pope, with our desire that he would deliver the money to the Particulars to each the sum assigned to him [illegible] which to act he accepted of — Moses Farnum Tr. Lapham Jun.r David Buffum,

This meeting proceeded to publish a certificate to accompany Daniel Roy & other Strangers in a Religious visit, which was signed by the Clerk —

Middleton Upper Town Preparative Meeting represented, that his Wife Deborah & Margaret Smith the Wife of Ichabod Smith, stand in need of the Care of this Meeting on account of their Children, and therefore earnestly request this meeting for Consideration.

Reference appointed in the 8th month to labour with Jos. Darling & Jos. Dell they have had an opportunity with him, and think it may be best to wait for a time. Therefore the same is referred, and the care of Friends & they to report to this meeting in the 9th mo. next —

Those Friends who were appointed in the 6th month last to labour with Abel Gifford, report that they have laboured with him, and that he gives hope of making Satisfaction. Therefore that matter is again referred under the care of those appointed, and report to this meeting in the 9th mo. next.

Middle Lower Town Preparative meeting represented that Thomas Thomson of Gilsum, has gone into many things tending to the hurt & disadvantage of Friends, & particularly in marriage with one not a member of our Society, and in giving the Company in marriage in the Custom of the World, and also behaved in an unsuitable Company. Therefore this meeting appoints Daniel Cheever & Elisha Thomson, to labour with him for his Recovery — and report to next meeting meeting —

The Cont. Respecting Slaves was again read & kept under consideration. The Cont. is desired to be sent to the State of the Slaves now set free, from our members in the Province of the Massachusetts, in the Several Towns, where they dwell; Have met and inspected the matter, and find by the best intelligence we get — That Negroes have generally the Province Law as Freemen, & that some have voted That the same be settled [illegible] by a Warrant from the Justices [illegible] Freeman [illegible] to pay the Poll Tax [illegible] Northbrough voted to raise the sum of £47 for the Province Tax with [illegible] Inspectors & Collectors [illegible] Wine and Spirits [illegible] Tax [illegible] Thomas Stevens & Moses Thomson [illegible] Elisha Thomson — And the Clerk is desired to take a Copy of the Report, and convey it to the Quarterly meeting, there to be produced as occasion may require —

In considering Epistles & Queries, we have read and approved of a Epistle, we think it best that the Books intitled Christian Progress & Life in Godliness & all Books belonging to this meeting be deposited in the Meeting House, & this meeting is the best under the care of a Librarian, to be appointed, who may be not to be one to be appointed by each Preparative meeting, such Books as may be from time to time wanting, not exceeding one Quarter's each at one time, taking Receipts therefor to be returned in 12 months, or sooner if they desire, and when there are Books enough at a Post to supply Each Preparative meeting, with one, and so on, and when Books wear the same, the youngest meeting to have the first one or three

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[illegible] that the books be delivered, and punctually returned [illegible] at each Preparative meeting. The members having Liberty to lend to any [illegible] or Sober people of the Society for the defence of [illegible] of the Principles of Truth, they conforming to the same Regulations in respect of Returning them as the members.

That Smithfield Monthly Meeting [illegible] on the Title page of each Book.

[illegible] is appointed Librarian and [illegible] all the Books belonging to this meeting. And consult with the [illegible] [illegible] the Meeting House at Wonsaket. To prepare [illegible] [illegible] to put the Books in [illegible]

[illegible] Monthly Meeting [illegible] at Smithfield Lower House the [illegible] 6th [illegible] 1775 the meeting being Convened. The Reports appearing from the several Preparative meetings are — From Smithfield upper House [illegible] & [illegible]

From Uxbridge Jon^a Harmon & [illegible]

From Smithfield Lower House Thomas Sheere, & [illegible]

From Richmond — John Sprague, & Daniel Cass [illegible]

The friends appointed Respecting John & Silas Smith. Report that they have fulfilled their appointment [illegible] and the testimonies of their [illegible] [illegible] approved of and Sign^d by the Clerk.

James Davis & Deborah Proud appear^d in this meeting & Rec^d their Answer in order for marriage — and Thomas Sheere, & Benjamin Arnold are appointed to see the same consummated — and Report to next m^ly meeting.

Jonathan Wheeler, Junr, & Mary Buffum, appeared and Rec^d their Answer in order for marriage — and Moses Farnum & Elisha Thornton are appointed to see the same consummated — and Report to next monthly meeting.

[illegible] Report that according to the [illegible] [illegible] was consummated in an orderly manner.

The matter Refer^d to this meeting Concerning Margaret Smith, is again Refer^d to the m^ly meeting in the 9th m^o next.

[illegible] meeting [illegible] [illegible] and Elizabeth [illegible] to the Notion of Elders, which [illegible]

David [illegible] of the Com^ee [illegible] Report that he with [illegible] have had an opportunity with him [illegible] to be Recorded to friends. Therefore [illegible] Refer^d to [illegible] [illegible], David Farnum [illegible] Ba[illegible], & Thomas [illegible] to [illegible] with him — and Report to next m^ly meeting.

A Paper by way of the Preparative meeting from [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] to take an opportunity with him Concerning it — [illegible]

1775 [illegible] the [illegible] from the [illegible] meeting [illegible]

6 mo. [illegible] general [illegible] [illegible] in the meeting and the general [illegible] [illegible] on the [illegible] to the Quarterly meeting [illegible] approved of and

sign'd by the Clerk, and [illegible] [illegible] are appointed [illegible] the next [illegible] meeting —

[illegible] [illegible] are appointed [illegible]

This meeting appoint [illegible] [illegible] Elijah [illegible] to prepare a

Certificate for Elijah Meader [illegible]

Our friend [illegible] [illegible] attended this meeting and his Certificate from the m[illegible]

meeting of friends at Burlington Dated 1st of 5th month 1775, was read which with

his Labour here in was truly acceptable —

At Our monthly meeting of friends held [illegible] the [illegible]

7 mo. 1775 [illegible] the meeting being conven'd, the Rep[illegible] appearing from the [illegible]

meeting are From [illegible] Upper [illegible] George [illegible] & [illegible]

From Uxbridge Daniel Aldrich & Moses [illegible]

From [illegible] Lower [illegible] Daniel Anthony [illegible]

From [illegible] None —

[illegible] the Epistle from the last [illegible] meeting and [illegible] from London

Philadelphia & Flushing which were read to good satisfaction. Also

Rec'd a number of the late London Epistles —

[illegible] [illegible] appointed in the [illegible] 1772 [illegible] the

Collection of friends [illegible] [illegible] Reports that he hath [illegible]

and applied it according to appointment, and hath [illegible] with [illegible]

he says he thinks it best for friends not to raise any more for him —

[illegible] & Benjamin [illegible] Report that by reason of their going to [illegible]

friends in Boston they did not attend the marriage of [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

inform that they were present at said marriage, and it appeared to be [illegible]

in an orderly manner —

[illegible] of the friends to see the marriage of [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] Report

[illegible] It was conducted orderly [illegible]

attending by reason of [illegible] in Boston

The [illegible] to further Labour with [illegible] Report that they have not

had an opportunity with him, through some neglect in appointing a time to meet

therefore they are continued for said service — and Report to next monthly meeting —

The friends appointed [illegible] Report that they have had an

opportunity with him — and think it best to be defer'd. Therefore it is refer'd and [illegible]

[illegible] to take further opportunity — and Report to next monthly meeting —

The friends to prepare a Certificate for Elijah Meader who hath removed to [illegible]

monthly meeting Presented one which was read approved of & sign'd by the Clerk

[illegible] & George [illegible] two of the Committee to labour with friends

that have married out Report that they have visited [illegible] Aldrich & laboured

with him — who appear'd to be in a state somewhat insensible of the greatness of his

[illegible]

Mistep, and unsuitable to make Satisfaction therefor — Therefore
7th mo. this meeting puts him from under their Care until he shall make
Satisfaction for his Transgression. And Thomas Steere is Desired to
acquaint him of his Danial & Right of appeal, and Report to next
mo. by meeting — The friends continued in the 5th mo. to have the care
of the matter against Seth Gifford — Report that they have visited
him, and think it might be best to pass by his misconduct — and a paper
from him condemning the same; was read & Recd. for Satisfaction
and Elisha Thornton is appointed to read it at the Close of a meeting at
the Brick meetg. House — And make Return to next mo. by meetg.

Moses Tarrum & Elisha Thornton also Report that they have
visited Seth Jenney, who married out of the Order of friends. And he appeared
somewhat Sensible of his misconduct. And desired friends to wait upon
him to see future behaviour, which we hoped would then [illegible]
of Life — Therefore the same is Referd. under the care of said friends —
and they to Report to this meetg. in the 10th mo.

David Puffum & Elisha Thornton also Report that they have visited
Nathaniel Gifford Junr. who appeared very Insensible of his misconduct in
in marrying out from friends, also in divers other Respects of which they
Trusted he was Informd. them that he attended other meetings, and appeared
rather Inclined to be among other People than friends — Whereupon
this meeting puts him from under their care, until he make friends
Satisfaction — and George Stowell is appointed to Inform him of his
Danial and Right of appeal — and make return to next mo. by meetg.

David Puffum & Elisha Thornton also Report that they have visited Wm. Trusted
who appeared somewhat Sensible of his mistep in marrying out, & in other
Respects, which he freely mentioned, & seemd. rather desireous to be united than
to be separated from friends. Therefore this meetg. Refers that matter under
the care of David Puffum, Elisha Thornton & Moses Brown, and they to
Report to this meetg. in the 9th mo. next —

Uxbridge Preparative meetg. Informing Timothy Jennyson of John Stoth
deviated from the Leadings of Truth in many Respects. Particularly in not attea-
ing meetings, nor keeping to Plainness of Language & appeared, & being con-
cerned in bearing of Arms in a Military way. And Speaking respectfully
of [illegible] upon this meeting appointed Thomas Steere Jabez Wing
and Wm. Puffum to Labour with said Timothy, in order to Reclaim him —
and Report to next mo. by meetg.

Smithfield

A minute Lower House Repair. meet. informing that Lord Smith for of Thomas Mill of Uxbridge, Hath gone into many Practices contrary to the good Order of the County and behaved very disorderly in the Military Service and the meet. is informed that he hath been advised, with by friends on account of his disorderly walking for his recovery, and that he is now gone into the Army, so that it is difficult to further labour with him, also he & Living together is so repugnant to our Christian Testimony, as that it renders it necessary that he be disowned, therefore he is put from under the care of friends as a member, until he shall make Satisfaction to this meet. for his out going.

And the Clerk is desired to read a Copy of the minute, at Gideon Harris's at the close of this Place meet. now. and report to next monthly meet.

An Women's meet. inform that they have Disowned Sarah Thomas and accepted Mary Prownfoot.

The Quarterly meet. desiring this meet. to raise £10 for the Yearly meeting stock, which is recommended the several Preparative meets. to raise & send up to next month's meet.

Alex. Hartley making a complaint against Sarah Hartley the 31st day of 8th mo. 1775. the meeting considering the Report appearing from the Report of the Committee appointed viz. Abraham Lathbury, Esther Thornton, Thomas Hartley, Gardner Lewis, & Jos. Aldrich

From Uxbridge, Gardner Lewis, & Jos. Aldrich

From Muthfield, Abr. Thorn, Elm. Tatem, & Samuel Smith

From Richmond, Jos. Jenkins & Thos. Hastings

The Committee continued in the 5th mo. to further visit the Parties, & Report that they have laboured with them and think it best that the matter rest for now in the Members the Committee still continued to have the matter in care. And Report in the 11th mo. next.

Three of the Committee to Labour with Thomas Harris, Report that they have had an opportunity with him, and he appeared desirous to make satisfaction for his misconduct. Therefore a Committee is continued for further labour and report to this meet. in the 11th mo. next.

Three of the Committee with Chas. Arnold Report that they have had an opportunity with him, and think it best that that matter be kept. Therefore a Committee is referred to take further opportunity with him & report to next monthly meet.

Thomas Evans Reports that he Informed James Aldrich, according to appointment, & Esther Thornton Reports that he read the paper from the Office relating to appointing Friends at next Reports. That he informed Sarah Hartley of the meet. right opinion of the friend appointed. & Abner with Timothy Jones Reports, that they have laboured with him and think it best that he be waited on longer. Therefore the same Committee is continued to have the necessary care. And report to next monthly meet.

Thomas

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The Prepar^ve meet^g Informing that they have not fully subscribed & collected money for the Yearly meet^g Stock, Therefore are desired to complete the same and send up to next m^ly meet^g

Richmond Prepar^ve Inst^g Informing that Nathan Hawkins [illegible] walked disorderly in keeping company mostly unknown to friends, and hath married according to the Custom of the World, and said Inst^n send a Paper to this meet^g condemning the same, yet his meeting appoint Gardner Earl, Samuel Aldrich, Jonathan Caskell, [illegible] and Moses Farnum — To Labour with him concerning his [illegible] and Report to next m^ly meet^g not Exceeding two months

At Our Monthly meet^g held in Smithfield the 28th of the 9th month 1775 the meet^g being Convened the Rep^ts appearing from the Prepar^ve meet^g are From Smithfield Upper House, Adam Harrison & [illegible]

From Nabredge Moses Farnum, & Benedict Arnold

From Smithfield Lower House Augustus Lapham & Richd Mowry

From Richmond Joseph King

The Com^tee Continued in the 3^d m^o last to have further Converse with Benjamin Lapham Report that they have had an opportunity with him, And think that his conduct is such that it may be best for friends to receive his paper of acknowledgment But as some Friends were dissatisfied, on acc^t of some Expressions, They had heard he made since the Signing of said Paper this meeting [illegible] said matter to the 4th m^o next, unless the care of Elisha Thornton Gardner Earl, & Jon^a Farnum, & they then to report

Three of the Com^tee Respecting Amos Arnold Report, That they have had further opportunity with him — And think it best for friends to receive the Paper from him now Presented, — Therefore said Paper is Received and he considered as a member among friends — And Thomas Lapham Junr is Appointed to read said Paper at the Close of a meeting, at the Old meet^g House —

And make Return to next m^ly meet^g

The friends to Labour with Timothy Tinney for bearing of Arms Report That they have had further opportunity with him, and think it may be best for friends to wait yet longer on him — Therefore said friends are Continued for further Labour with — And to Report to next m^ly meet^g

The Rep^ts from the Prepar^ve meet^g Inform that they think said meet^g have Subscribed nearly the sum for the Yearly meet^g Stock but not all Collected — Therefore Jon^a Farnum is appointed to Receive the same, and send to the Yearly meet^g Treasurer — And Report to next m^ly meet^g

9th mo. Two of the Comtee to Labour with Wm. Arnold for Marrying out &c. Report that they have Visited him & that he desires to be waited on longer. Therefore said Comtee is continued for further Labour — and to Report to next mly meetg —

Elizabeth Sutherwick returned the Certificate she rec. in the 8th mo. last to accompany Comfort Hoeg to the Oblong — which Journey she did not go by reason that Comfort Hoeg Returned Home at that Time —

Our Friends Robert Willis was at this meetg on a Religious visit, and his Certificate from a mly meetg held at Plainfield East Jersey 21st 6th mo. last was read, & which was kindly accepted —

The matter Refer. to this meetg Respecting Margaret Smiths Public Testimony in the Ministry was considered — and this meetg approves of the same and orders an acct. thereof to be sent to the Qtly meetg in our Acct.

This meetg Adjourns to the Old meetg House in Smithfield on 7th day next at the Conclusion of a meeting appointed there by our friend Robert Willis.

The meeting met by adjournment this 30th of the 9th mo. 1775.

The women's meetg Inform that they have put Esther Baker the younger from under the care of friends, of which this meetg approves —

The Queries & the Answers from the several Prepar. meetgs with general Answers composed therefrom, were read, and the general Answers were Inserted in the Acct. to the Qtly meetg which was read approved of & Signed by the Clerk.

And Daniel Aldrich, Thomas Lapham Junr. Caleb Greene & D. Buffum are appointed Repr. to attend the next Qtly meeting —

A Our Monthly meetg held in Smithfield the 26th day of the 10th mo. 1775. The meetg being convened the Repr. appearing from the Prepar. meetgs are from Smithfield upper House Cent. Gaskill & Jonr. Hoeg —

From Uxbridge Samuel Aldrich & Daniel Aldrich —

From Smithfield Lower House David Sheerd —

From Richmond Jedadiah Buffum & Jonr. Gaskille —

Thomas Lapham Junr. Informs that he read the Paper from Amos Arnold according to appointment, Recd Epistles Inf from our last Quarterly meetg and two different sorts from London which were all to good satisfaction —

Four of the Comtee to Labour with Nathan Harkness Report that they have had an opportunity with him & think it best for friends to wait longer on him. Therefore that matter is Refer. under the care of the same Comtee and they to Report to this meetg not Exceeding 3 months —

Two of the Comtee to further Labour with Timothy Jenney, Report that they have Labour. with him. And that he talk. of sending an Acknowledgment to this meeting. But as none appeared, said matter is refer. to next mly meeting under the care of the Comtee and they then to report —

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1775 10th mo. Jonathan Thornton being gone from home & no acc. from him respecting collecting money for the yearly meetg. stock. Therefore he is expected to report to next mdly meetg.

Two of the Comtee to Labour with Wm. Arnold for marriage & report that by reason of some of the Comtees being from home on other appointments they have not had further opportunity with him therefore they are continued for said service — and report to next mdly meetg.

This meetg. gave a few lines to Elisabeth Southwick the younger in order for her to visit the next Qrly meetg. at Dover — which was signd. by the Clerk.

This meetg. gave a certificate to Joshua Lapham recommending him & his children under his Tuition to the care of Nine partner mdly meetg. which was signd. by the Clerk.

Richmond Prepar.ve meetg. having no overseers appointed, this meeting appoints Jona. Gaskill & Jedadiah Buffum Overseers in that meetg.

At Our Monthly meetg. of friends held in Smithfield yd. 30th day of 11th month 1775 The meetg. being conveyed the Repr. appearing from the Repar. mgts. are from Smithfield upper House George Smith & Wm. Bassett
From Uxbridge Stephen Aldrich & Antipas Earl
From Smithfield Lower House Daniel Sutherly & Rufus Smith
From Richmond Moses Allen

Smithfield upper House Preparative mgt. informing that Rufus Smith of Gloucester requests to come under the care of friends & be appearing in this meetg. and still requesting the same. Our friends Daniel Southwick George Smith & Wm. Buffum are appointed to take a solid opportunity with him concerning his request & report to next mdly meetg.

Smithfield Lower House Prepar.ve Meetg. Informing that Aza Arnold requests to come under the care of friends and be appearing in this meetg. and still requesting the same. Our friends Thomas Steere, Thomas Lapham Lapham Junr. & Jos. Sutton are appointed to take a solid opportunity with him concerning it & report to next mdly meetg.

Richmond Prepar.ve meetg. Informing that Joseph Cass requested a certificate to Southwick mdly meetg. to signify his clearness respecting marriage upon which our friends Wm. Buffum Moses Brown & Jona. Thornton are appointed to make inquiry respecting his clearness — and report to next mdly meetg.

The friends continued in the 8th mo. to Labour with Jesse Darling concerning his going out in marriage, report that they have further Labour with him and still think it best for friends to wait longer on him. Therefore the matter is referred to the care of sd. friend — and George Comstock is added to them — and they to report to this meetg.

Meeting in the 2d mo. next or sooner if they think best.

The friends to further Labour with Timothy Henry. Report that they have not had further opportunity with him by reason of his not meeting them. Therefore they are still continued for said service. And report to next mthly meeting.

Jona. Fanum Reports that he hath not fully completed the appointment respecting the Yearly meetg. stock. Therefore he is continued for the same & report to next mthly meeting.

The friends to Labour with Wm. Trueb. Report that they have further Labour with him and the opportunity was measurably satisfactory. Yet for further satisfaction that matter is referd. under the care of David Huffman, Elifon Thornton, Jacob Lapham & Ezekiel Comstock. And they to report to this meetg. in the 2d mo. or sooner if necessary.

Three of the Comtee. Continued in the 3d mo. to Labour with Thomas Harris. Report that they have had an opportunity with him, and think it best for friends to wait longer on him. Therefore it is referd. under the care of Daniel Southwick, David Fanum, Wm. Dasell, Jno. Lapham Junr. Wm. Huffman & Jno. Smith. And they to report to this meetg. in the 2d mo. next.

The Comtee. Respecting Benjamin Lapham appd. in the 9th mo. Report that they have made Inquiry and have got A minute letter from Joseph Pickley, Jun.

The Substance of which is that he being at Hoosuck Did hear Benjamin Lapham say that the monthly meeting of Smithfield had disowned him: But he beleived they could not tell for what.

Upon which this meetg. Dismissed the matter of receiving his paper of Acknowledgement, and appoints Thomas Cleere, to inform S. Benjamin of this Conclusion.

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At Our Monthly mgt of Frd held at Smithfield 28th of the 10th m. 1775 The meetg being conveen the Repts appearing from the Repartee meetgs are, From Smithfield upper House, Glamstock & Gashill & Ala Smith —
From Wainwright, Moses Farnsworth & Daniel Aldrich,
From Smithfield Lower House, Daniel Anthony, & Rufus Smith —
From Richmond Daniel Cass, Israel Phillips, & Jesse Sprague,

The friends to take an opportunity with Rufus Smith Report that they have taken one with him and think it may be best for friends to receive him under their care. Next upon the deliver of some friends that matter wanted under the care of the same friends, for further opportunity and Report to next mthly meetg

The Comtee to take an opportunity with Eza Arnold Report that they have taken one with Him, and think it may be best to receive him under the care of friends. There upon this meetg receives him under their care —

The friends to Inquire into the Clearness of Josiah Cass Report that by Inquiry they find nothing to hender his receiving a certificate — Therefore this following was granted & Directed to Sandwich mthly meetg fully.

Dear Friends after our Salutation of Love these Sway inform, that our friend Josiah Cass of Richmond having requested our Certificate to your mthly meetg, In order to Proceed in marriage with Deborah Hilley and we having inspected his clearness in that matter, find nothing to hender his proceeding therein — This being the needful, We conclude your friends & Brethren, Signd in & on behalf of our said mgt, by Tho Lipham Jun Clerk

The friends to Labour with Timothy Jenney, Report that they have had an opportunity with him and that he appeard to be guilty of the Charges entrd against him in the 7th Dec last — and not in a Disposition to make Satisfaction — Therefore this meetg puts him from under their care, until he shall make Satisfaction for his said misconduct — And appoints George Comstock & Jonn Tanner to Inform him of his Denial and right of appeal and draw a Testimony his Denial — and Report to next mthly meetg —

Jonn Tanner Reports that he hath not fully compleated his appointment Respecting the yearly meetg stock. Therefore he is still continued and to Report to next mthly meetg

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The Lower House Preparative meeting informing [illegible] frequently [illegible] of this Company, [illegible] and neglecting to [illegible] attend our meetings [illegible] to the same. There upon this meeting appoints our friends [illegible] Wilson, & [illegible] to labour with him for his recovery, & Report to next mo. by meeting.

This meeting Adjourns to the 10th Hour to morrow morning.

[illegible] by adjournment. Richmond Preparative meeting informing that Nathan Starbuck hath walked Disorderly in [illegible] & [illegible] the same at a Publick House, and also hath threatened to kill his neighbours Creatures, for which this meeting defires the Committee that stands appointed Respecting his managing out to labour with him for his recovery in these respects. And Report to next mo. by meeting.

It appearing by acct. from Richmond Preparative meeting that there is disunity among some friends there. There upon our friends Daniel Southwick, Elisha Horton, George Smith, Daniel Aldrich, George Comstock & Jonathan [illegible] are appointed to visit that [illegible] Preparative meeting belonging to this meeting to assist and advise said meeting and as many of the members thereof as they shall think necessary, and to Report to this meeting in the 3d mo. next, or sooner if they think best.

The friends continued in the 7th mo. to have the care of the matter respecting the Jenney. Report that they have had further opportunity with him, which was not to satisfaction. Yet this meeting concludes to continue said ~~[illegible]~~ matter under the care of said friends. To Report to this meeting in the 3d mo. next or sooner if necessary.

Two Papers of Acknowledgment from Daniel Sylvester in the 3d mo. and one in the 6th mo. last was read in this meeting, whereupon our friends George Comstock & William [illegible] are appointed to Treat with him by writing or otherwise. And Report to this meeting in the 3d mo. or sooner if necessary.

The Queries were Read, and the Answers from the Preparative meetings with general Answers Composed there from. And the general Answers were [illegible] acct. to the 2d by meeting, & our friends [illegible] David Sherre [illegible] Arnold & Jonathan Arnold are appointed Representatives to said meeting. And an acct. there to was read and Signed by the Clerk.

The Preparative meetings are Desired to raise the sum of Seven Pounds [illegible] for the Yearly meeting stock [illegible] being taking off from [illegible] by meeting.

The acct. of building & Repairing Woonsocket meeting House was accepted which amounts to 2941.6.1 [illegible] L.M. & the Preparative meetings are Desired to Contribute towards the same & send up to the Treasurer of this meeting.

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At Our Monthly meeting held at Smithfield the 25th day of the 1st month 1776 The meeting being Convenn. The Repr. appearing from the Preparn. meetings [illegible] Smithfield upper House Joseph Comstock, & Elisha Thornton.

From Uxbridge Daniel Aldrich & Benedict Arnold.

From Smithfield Lower House, The Heere, & James Comstock.

From Richmond John Sprague, & Daniel Cass Junr.

A Certificate from Swansey Mly meetg. Dated last month, Recommending Henry Shaw to the care of this meetg. was Read & accepted.

A Certificate from Nantucket Mly meetg. Dated 11th mo. last Recommending Nathaniel Walker to the care of this meetg. was [illegible] accepted.

The Comtee. Respecting Rufus Smith Report that they have had further opportunity with him, & still think it might be best to receive him upon the care of Friends. Therefore he is accepted a member of this meeting.

Smithfield upper House Preparn. meetg. Informing that [illegible] Jun. Requested for himself & [illegible] to come under the care of Friends and be appearing in this meetg. & still Requesting the same. [illegible] Thomas Lapham Junr. & [illegible] are appointed to take a Solid opportunity with him concerning it. And Report to next mly mtg.

Jonathan Farnum Informs by writing that he hath Informd. Simon [illegible] his [illegible] &c. And George Comstock hath [illegible] a Testimony of his [illegible] which was approvd. of & Sign. by the Clerk.

Jona. Farnum also Informs by Writing That he hath [illegible] his appointment Respecting the yearly meetg. Stock as by two [illegible] amounting to £8 - 10s which Recs. are Lodgd.

An Epistle from the meetg. for Sufferings held last mo. on Rhode Island was read and considerd. in this meetg. and the advice therein Respecting [illegible] paying Certain Paper Bills &c. was assented to.

The Comtee. Respecting Noah Farnum Report that they have Labourd. with him [illegible] but little hopes of making satisfaction [illegible] meetg. desired the Comtee. to take one more opportunity with him and Report to next mly meetg.

The Respecting [illegible] not having had further opportunity by Reason of the [illegible] they [illegible] desired to fulfil their said appointment, and Report to next mly meetg.

[illegible] Farnum George Smith & Wm. Buffum who were appointed in the month Report that They have fulfild. their appointment [illegible] Burying [illegible] in Northbridge and Presented [illegible] from Samuel Fowler which was Lodged.

Informing

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[illegible] Report [illegible]

[illegible] Report [illegible] meeting [illegible] Report [illegible]

[illegible] Report [illegible] meeting [illegible] Report [illegible]

[illegible] gave a Certificate for [illegible] Nine partner m.ly meeting which was signed by the Clerks

At this Monthly Meeting [illegible] the 27th day of the 2d month 1796 [illegible] appearing from the Report [illegible]

[illegible] Vacuum

[illegible] John Walker and [illegible]

[illegible] Jno Garrett & Frederick Griffith

[illegible] Report [illegible]

[illegible] Samuel Sidman to the care of this meeting [illegible]

[illegible] Report which is signed and is as follows — Agreeable to appointment we have had an opportunity with Inamias Mowry Junr. at his own house and think he is sincere in his request, and that it may be best to visit him under the care of friends. It appears somewhat engaged to the [illegible] children [illegible] appears [illegible] up to his Children, [illegible] and get [illegible] in Company [illegible] we think it might be well keep the [illegible] respecting them, to see how they may be brot forward — But submit the whole to the [illegible] — [illegible]

Job Scott

Our friends Continued in the 11th mo. to Labour with Jesse Darling — Report [illegible] an opportunity with him [illegible] hopes of his making a satisfaction — Therefore they are still continued for further Labour — and Report to this meeting in the 3d mo. next

Our friends Continued in the [illegible] to Labour with [illegible] Report that they [illegible] Therefore [illegible] for further Labour — [illegible]

[illegible] of Friends [illegible] in the 8th mo. to labour with Thomas Harris — Report that Thomas had an opportunity with him and they think it best to [illegible] further on him — Therefore the [illegible] is still continued for Labour — Report in the 9th [illegible]

The Committee have with Joseph Evanson respecting his late further opportunity with him. And still think there is very little if any hopes of their making Friends satisfaction. Therefore this meeting Disowns him, and his conduct he was complained of for — and gets him from under the care thereof until further [illegible] and Chairman & Clerk are appointed to prepare [illegible] of this Minute and Book of appeal, and Copy thereof to the Quarter and bring to next m^ly meeting.

The Committee appointed to Inquire into Joseph Evanson's Clearness respecting marriage report that they have found that he is Clear in that respect among us. Therefore this meeting gives him a Certificate to Friends m^ly meeting in Dublin which was signed by the Clerk.

A Minute of Upper Shamrock Quarter m^ly informing that Mr. Thomas Hall, who was formerly a Member to Friends, and has been lately guilty of Disorder for some time past. And has of late behaved unbecoming and gone out of the society. Therefore upon Friends Request to Joseph Pim, Joseph Wilson & the Clerk are appointed to consider whether it is necessary to publish any thing respecting him or not. And report to next m^ly meeting.

A Minute of Upper Quarter m^ly informing that Stephen Albrech is removed to live at from the place of our monthly meeting. Thus far his behaviour.

A Minute of Upper Quarter m^ly informing that it is reported that Mary Ann Cuff has of late been frequent at dances and behaves in a disorderly manner. Also keeps bad company and is [illegible] of Friends. It also refuses the advice of her Friends. Therefore Friends Samuel Cockrill, Thomas Pim, Thomas Harrison & Joseph and George Comstock are appointed to Inspect, and Labour with her and report to next m^ly meeting.

At Our Monthly Meetg of Friends held in Smithfield the 28th day of the 3d mo. 1790 — The Meeting Being Convend — The Repos appearing from Prepar've meetg are [illegible] Hubbard [illegible]

From Uxbridge, Daniel Southwick, & Moses Farnum

From Smithfield Lower House, Oziel Wilkinson

From Richmond [illegible]

Elisha Arnold (son of Israel) who Requested at Uxbridge Prepar've meetg to come under the care of friends appeared in this meetg and still Requestg the same. Our friends Moses Farnum Jabez King & Daniel Southwick are appointed to take a solid opportunity with Him in order to find the motives of his Request — — — And Report to next mtly meetg

Henry Read & Naomi Chase appeared in this meetg and declared their Intentions of taking each other in marriage. Whereupon Samuel Aldrich & David Farnum are appointed to Inquire into his Clearness in that Respect & Report to next mtly meetg

The Comtee To Labour with Wm Arnold for Marrying out &c. Report that they have had an Opportunity with Him, and think it may be best for friends to receive his Acknowledgment sent to this meetg in the 11th mo. last

Therefore his said Acknowledgment is accepted, and [illegible] by, and he continued under the care of friends. And George Comstock is appointed to read it at the close of a meetg at Smithfield upper House & Report to next mtly meetg

Thomas Steere Reports, That he hath Inform'd Noah Farnum according to appointment, and Presented a Testimony of his Demeanor which was read, approved of & Signd by the Clerk —

The Comtee To visit Richmond Prepar've meetg & Labour with Nathan Harkness Report that they have not been by reason of the great quantity of Hay in them parts. And as it appears the time of that Prepar've meetg being held is at an End. Therefore said Preparative meetg is continued till friends have visited them. And said Comtee is continued to fulfil the said appointment, and Report to this meetg in the 5th mo. next

A Letter from Mary Lapham (wife of Benja of Hoosuck) Requesting Certificates for her Children under Age, To Nine partners mtly meetg. And Benja Arnold, Thomas Steere, & George Smith, are appointed to take that matter under Consideration and also to Consider of a Request made by Stephen & Gideon Lapham sons of Benja for Certificates — And likewise to Consider of a Request made by Cynthia Brown (wife of Elect) for her Children to be taken under the care of friends. And Report to next mtly meetg what they think best to be done Respecting said Requests

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The friends to Consider whether it be best to Publish Anything respecting [illegible] Report That they think it best that a Testimony be Published and one was presented approved of & Sign^d by the Clerk, and Ezekiel Comstock is appoint^d to read the same at Smithfield upper House — —

The friends to Labour with Moses Duffum for frequenting Taverns &c. Report That they have had but little opportunity with him by reason of his not meeting them — Therefore they are continued for said Service, & Report to next m^ly meet^g —

Smithfield Lower House Repar^ve meet^g Informing that Nephew & Jeptha Wilkinson sons of Ermiah have attended Trainings for Military Exercise — and not seldom attended friends meet^gs — Whereupon this meet^g appoints Benjn Arnold, Wm Buffum & Thomas Lapham Junr — To Labour with them for said Transgression — and Report to next m^ly meet^g —

This meet^g gave a Certificate to Margarett Smith in order to attend Dr^ly meet^gs — Signifying our unity with her as a member & Minister — which was Sign^d by the Clerk —

The Queries and Answers from the Repar^ve meet^gs (Except Richmond) with general Answers were read, and an Acc^t to the Dr^ly meet^g was approved of & Sign^d by the Clerk — & the following friends are appointed Rep^ts — [illegible] Benjamin, Ezekiel Comstock & George Arnold —

At Our Monthly meet^g of friends held at Smithfield the 25th of the 4th M^o 1776 — The meet^g being Convene^d. The Rep^ts appearing from the several Repar^ve meet^gs or from Smithfield upper House Jacob Arnold & George Comstock
From Cambridge Daniel Aldrich, and Asa Aldrich —
From Smithfield Lower House, Daniel Anthony, & Rufus Smith —
From Richmond Paul Hawley

The Epistle from the last Dr^ly meet^g was read to good Satisfaction and Informs that the M^ly meet^gs raised the sum of £ 4 " 7 " 3 which was paid to Ezekiel Comstock towards the Charge of this House —

The friends Respecting Elisha Arnold Report, They have had an opportunity with Him — and think his motive is Sincere. Therefore he is accepted a member of this meeting

Saml Aldrich & David Farnum Report That They find nothing to hender Henry Stead from Proceeding in marriage with Naoma Chase — and He appearing Rec^d an Answer in Order for marriage — The being unwell was the Reason

Reason of her not appearing but Signified by a member that she was of the same mind she was lost m^ly meet^g — Our Friends George Smith & George Comstock are appointed to see the said marriage consummated and report to next m^ly meet^g — George Comstock Reports that he read the Paper from Wm. Arnold according to appointment

The Friends to Consider of the Request of Mary Lapham & sons — Report that they think fit the following be sent the Repart^d meet^g at Hoosuck which was approved of & is as follows — To the Repar^d Meet^g of Friends at East Hoosuck Respected Friends after Our Salutation of Love to you These lines are to Inform you That Mary Lapham wife of Benj^m Roth Requested Certificates from us to Nine partners M^ly meet^g for her Children that yet remain under their Tuition, as also her two sons Stephen & Gideon Requested for themselves — And altho we think the Children according to the Practice of Society may be Entitled to Certificates if Orderly in their behaviour — But as they have been some years absent and not much under the Observation of many of us We Desire a particular Information from you How they have Conducted since they Have been in them parts — That we may be the better Qualified to give an Answer To said Requests, From Our m^ly meet^g — of Friends at Smithfield the 25th of the 4th month, 1776 —

Sign^d in & on behalf of our said Meet^g — By Thomas Lapham Junr Clerk
Mary Olney Clerk —

The Friends not all having had an Opportunity to Inspect the matter of Cynthia Brown's Request — are Continued for that Service and Report to next m^ly meet^g —

Ezekiel Comstock Reports that he read the Testimony Respect^g Wm Read according to appointment —

The Friends to Labour with Moses Buffum, not all having had an opportunity with him (by reason of his not meeting them) Therefore they are still continued for that Service — And Report to next m^ly meet^g —

The Friends to Labour with Stephen & Jeptha Wilkinson not all having had opportunity with them, they are still Continued to fulfil their appointment and Report to next m^ly meet^g

A Certificate from Dartmouth m^ly meet^g — Recommending to the care of this meet^g — Anna Russell widow of Job and her Children, whose names are Henry, Ezara Anna, and Joanna Russell, was read & accepted —

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The following Report was read & accepted (viz) —

[illegible] Appointment [illegible] Southwick sundry times, in Order to Assist and advise Him Respecting his placing out his Children — And we think Our advice hath not had Its Desired Effect — [illegible] four of them are from him, and [illegible] sixt Remains with Him — And we think from first to last he hath [illegible] Refused to take friends advice in Placing of them —

[illegible] Aldrich, Jabez Wing, Ezekiel Comstock — [illegible] 1776 —

[illegible] Hill upper House Prepar.ve Meet.g Informing That Joseph Buffum [illegible] Hath of late been unnecessarily at Taverns, and in such Company as [illegible] and hath at one of these times fallen into Difference with [illegible] and abused him by Spitting in his face & otherwise — And at sundry Times [illegible] in the Practice of Gaming — And other things dishonorable to our Profession

Whereupon Thomas Sears, Daniel Aldrich, John Read, Daniel Southwick, Seth Hilley & George Arnold, are appointed to Labour with Him for his recovery — And Report to next m.ly meet.g —

At the Request of friends at Scituate this meet.g appoints the meet.g that is held at Gideon Harrison & David Sears, to be held at the meet.g House lately built there.

Richmond Prepar.ve Meet.g Informing That Nathaniel Tolt, Hath withdrawn himself from friends, and holds meetings among others Thereupon this meet.g Refers the same to the Com.tee That is to visit that Prepar.ve meet.g — And they to Labour with Him — and Report to next m.ly meet.g, and Ezekiel Comstock is added to said Com.tee —

An Acc.t of Building the meet.g House at Scituate was Presented which amounts to L. 98 .. 12 .. 2 1/4. and L 89 .. 3 .. 5 1/4 Remains unpaid — which this meet.g Recommends to the Several Preparative meet.gs to raise the same and send to next m.ly meet.g —

And the Acc.t of Seating the new part of the Lower meet.g House in Smithfield, & some other Expences amounting to L. 9 .. 10 .. 4 1/2 — The Prepar.ve are also Desired to raise —

David

David Farnum, is appointed to read the Testimony of Timothy Jenney's Deniel, ~~according to appointment~~ at the close of a meetg at the Brookmeetg House.

Wm Pelott is appointed to read the Testimony of Noah Farnum's Deniel, at the close of a meetg at Thomas Stewes — And they to report to next mthly meeting.

The mthly of Nine Partners having sent to this meetg, signifying their not receiving the Certificate of Joshua Lapham by reason that his Children's names under age were not mentioned — Therefore a Certificate was Prepared Inserting their name viz, Nathan, Asa, & Hannah, and sign'd by the Clerk.

At Our Monthly meetg of Friends held at Smithfield the 30th of the 5th month 1776 The meetg being Convened The Repr appearing from the Respective meetgs are, From Smithfield Upper House, George Smith & David Jefferson — From Oldbridge Benj'a Gaskill, & Benedict Arnold — From Smithfield Lower House, Barnes Shaw, & Daniel Anthony — From Richmond none —

A Certificate from Salem Mthly meetg held at Lynn the 4th Inst. Recommending to the care of this meetg John Pope & Wife, was Accepted.

Two of the Comtee continued in the 2d mo. to Labour with Jesse Darling Report Whether still appears hope of his making satisfaction [illegible] Moses Farnum, are Continued for further Labour — And Report in the 7th mo. next — And Asa Smith is added to them —

Most of the Friends continued in the 2d mo. last to Labour with Thomas Harris — Report that they have Labour with Him, and think it best for friends to wait longer on him. Therefore said Comtee is continued for further Labour, And Report to this meetg in the 7th mo. next —

The Comtee Continued in the 3d mo. to Visit Richmond Preparative meetg — Report that they have not [illegible] that appointmt, nor the business refer'd to them last mthly meetg [illegible] by Reason of the [illegible] of [illegible] [illegible] they are still Continued for said Service, & Report to next mthly meetg — The Women Inform that they have Accepted Lydia [illegible] [illegible] of our Society, which this meetg approves of —

George Stead and Naomi Whose was married at the Conclusion of the meetg for Worship this day —

The Comtee not all having Inspected the [illegible] of Cynthia [illegible] Request — [illegible] still continued for said service — [illegible] Report to next mthly meetg —

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The Friends to Labour with Moses Buffum, not all being Present they are desired to report to next mo.ly meet.g —

The Friends Appointed in the 12th month 1776 to Labour with Daniel Lapham [illegible] Report that they have Labour.d with him and he appears [illegible] to make Satisfaction and [illegible] from him a Copy of [illegible] which being read this meet.g accepts thereof for Satisfaction for his out goings, and Restores him to his former Right in Society. [illegible] is appointed to read said Paper at the Close of a meet.g at the Lower House [illegible] and make return to next mo.ly meet.g

[illegible] of the Com.ee to Labour with Stephen & Jephta Wilkinson for attending Trainings &c. Report that they have Labour.d with them [illegible] they appear.d to have frequented Trainings for military Service and Endeavour.d to justify the same. And [illegible] attended [illegible] meet.gs [illegible] but very little if any hopes of making Satisfaction for their [illegible] Conduct. Therefore this meet.g [illegible] their [illegible] until they shall [illegible] and conduct to the Satisfaction of friends which we desire they may be enabled to do — [illegible] is desired to inform them of their denial & right of appeal and Report to next mo.ly meet.g, [illegible] the drawing of attestations of their denials, in order to be Published in Refer.d —

The Com.ee to Labour with Joseph Buffum Jun.r Report that they have Labour.d with him, and that there appear.d [illegible] hopes of his making Satisfaction. Therefore s.d Com.ee is continued for further Labour — and to Report to next mo.ly meet.g —

David Farnum & W.m Bossett Reports that they read the Testimonies of Timothy Jenner & Noah Farnum, [illegible] according to appointment —

[illegible] from Smithfield Lower House Repar.ve meet.g respecting appointing a middle week meet.g at Thomas Reeves so refer.d to next mo.ly meet.g — for consideration —

[illegible] is desired to read the Testimonies of John & Silas Smith's denials at the Close of a meeting at Situate — & Report to next mo.ly meet.g

[illegible] & Samuel [illegible] are appointed to provide [illegible] for Horses at the [illegible] meet.g [illegible] at the [illegible] meet.g House — [illegible] Lapham to the Kinepartner Mo.ly meet.g recommending him to their care was read approved of & Sign.d by the Clerk —

S. Lapham Clk

Here follows a part of the minute of the first month 1779 which was omitted in its proper place.

The Comtee to Labour with Chad Smith not having all been on the business, they are continued to fulfil the appointment, and report to next monthly meeting.

Two of the friends to Inspect the matter respecting David Farnum's son, Mordica, Report that they have visited the family, and find that David's wife appeared ~~to be~~ Willing to promote the Childs being brot up in the way of friends and that they think best the Child be considered under the care of friends. Therefore it is concluded that the Child have a right of membership in our Society. The Comtee to visit & advise friends at Scituate. Report that they have visited friends there, and concluded that it might be most convenient to hold the meetings as follows. on first days at the widow Damirus Harris's, and on the first fourth day after mol'y meet'g at John Walkers, and on the second fourth day at Ezra Tolles, and when there is five weeks between monthly meetings the fourth day in the 3d week the meet'g to be held at Samuel Howlands. And that the meeting house ~~appeared to~~ at Scituate was burnt the night after the 6th day of last month. but we don't find how it came to take fire, but probably it was by there being a large fire the day preceeding, and not fully extinguished when the house was left, which appears to be the general practice of people in the Country. wherefore this meeting advises that friends be more careful for the future, in extinguishing their fires when left, or well covering them with ashes, in their Meeting Houses as well as their own dwelling houses.

The overseers & friends to visit the poor and advise Respect'g putting out their Child'n. Report as follows We the overseers of the poor & others appoin'd to join with us in a visit to poor friends, and endeavour that they put out such of their children as friends should think best. Having visited Lawrence Southwick and family, it is our opinion that it is best that two of his children be put out, if suitable places may be found and he seem'd resign'd thereto provided his wife would consent to it. and she consented that one might be put out and no more. We likewise visited Noah White and family and think it best that two of his children be put out. and he consented there to provided his wife would consent also. and she consented that one might be placed out. but seemed very averse to any more. Daniel Aldrich, Jonathan Howry, Benedict Arnold, Sam'l Aldrich Rufus Smith, Jacob Arnold, George Comstock, Note, Benedict Arnold did not attend to visit to Lawrance Southwick & family. which report is accepted, and they are continued to further assist and advise the poor in them respects, and report to next monthly meeting.

The matter refer'd to this meet'g respect'g appoint'g a Com'tee to stir up friends who are negligent in the attendance of our meet'gs being revived and weightily considered. the meet'g proceeded to appoint Thomas Steere, Amasa Gray, Jos. Mitchell, Jos. Harris, & Elisha Thornton, for that service they to report to the m'ly meeting in the 3d month. The upper house prepar've meet'g inform that they have raised £11..14..0 in all they to the Subscription mentioned last month. Uxbridge inform that they have added to their Subscription 8..1[illegible] The lower prepar've meet'g inform that they have added £27..2..2. Eight shilling & 2d thereof in silver. said sums are desired to be speedily collected and paid to the monthly meet'gs Treasurer.

The meeting for Sufferings having Rec'd a printed general Epistle from the yearly meeting held in London 1778 and Jot 1500 Reprinted and sent 190 of them to this meet'g one of which was read to good Satisfaction, the others were directed to be distributed to the families belonging to this meeting.

Thomas Lapham Clk

At Our Monthly Meeting of Friends held at Smithfield the 17th
6th month 1776 The meeting being Convenient the Report appeared from Representative
meeting [illegible] Smithfield upper House Mary [illegible] Bassett
from [illegible] Daniel Southwick, Levi Taft, & Seth Marvin
From Smithfield Lower House, David Steere & Samuel Arnold
[illegible] John Wing

Certificate from Nantucket Mthly meeting Dated 27th 5th mo. last
Recommending Joseph Mitchel to the care of this meeting, was read & accepted
Smithfield [illegible] Representative meeting informing that [illegible]
[illegible] to be received under the care of friends, and [illegible]
[illegible] fall desiring the same. Our friends Thomas [illegible]
John Walker, Jabez Wing, & Oziel Wilkinson, are appointed to take a solid
[illegible] with Him Concerning the [illegible] of his Request, and [illegible]
of being a member of our Society — And Report to next mthly meeting —
The friends to Consider of the Request from Cynthia Brown, not being
ready to Report, are desired to fulfil their appointment
[illegible] Report to next mthly meeting —
The friends to Labour with [illegible] Report as follows
According to our Appointment We having [illegible] to Conduct
[illegible] Labour with Him for his [illegible]
It appears that he has committed the facts Complained of, and [illegible]
[illegible] no hope of his making friends satisfaction at Present —
Thomas [illegible] Daniel Southwick, [illegible] George [illegible]
& Wm Bassett — Yet upon some Friends Request that matter is Referred
[illegible] for consideration —
Oziel Wilkinson Reports that he read the Paper from Daniel Stephens
according to appointment — [illegible] Report that he
[illegible] Stephen & Jeptha Wilkinson according to appointment
and the matter of Publishing their Denials was considered in this
meeting and Jon. [illegible] & Job Scott are appointed to draw Testimonies
of their Denials — and bring to next mthly meeting —
The Comtee (all but two) to Labour with Joseph [illegible] Report that they have had
an opportunity with Him — And think it best for friends to meet longer in him
Therefore Said Comtee is continued for further Labour — and make Report
[illegible]

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6th mo. [illegible] appointed to visit the meeting [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] they are [illegible] to visit the meetings & con-der of that matter — And as Smithfield Lower House Prepar.ve meet.g [illegible] at Scituate in attending meetgs, They are also desired to visit that meetg — and endeavour to stir up friends to more diligence on that acct. — And make Report to next mo.ly meetg — —

David Steere reports that he read the Testimonys of John, & Elias Smith & Daniel according to appointment —

[illegible] two of the Comittee to visit Richmond Prepar.ve meetg, have made Report to this meetg, which is referred to next mo.ly meetg for Consideration — and the other two friends that have not reported are desired to fulfil their appointmt, and in a Particular manner to Labour, with Nathaniel Taft for his seperating himself from friends, and setting up a meeting with out the approbation of this meetg — and Endeavour for his Recovery, And also to Labour with friends there for the Restoring of unity among them — & Report to next mo.ly meetg

Uxbridge Prepar.ve meetg Informing that Jona. Farnum is Deceased, who was an overseer of the Poor Therefore Daniel Aldrich is appointed to Supply his place in that Respect —

Moses Farnum & Willm Thornton who were appointed in the [illegible] month to further visit Seth Finney for marrying out Report that they have Labourd with Him, and that He gives Hopes of making satisfaction Therefore they are still Continued for further Labour and Report to this meeting in the 8th mo. — —

The Querys and Answers from the Prepar.ve meetgs and general Answers were Read — And an Acct. to the Quarterly meetg was Read & approved of & sign.d by the Clerk — And is as follows —

— — We Salute you in love & here by Inform that we Received the Epistle from the last Quarterly meeting, which hath been read to satis-faction — For the Knowledg of our state we refer you to the Answers to the Queries which are as follows —

Answer the first All meetings both for worship & Discipline, Duly attended, By Generally by the ~~greater part~~ most of the members — The hour pretty well observed, We are not all Clear of Sleeping meetings, tho' we have laboured that, That unbecoming & Reproachful practice might be prevented, and a victory obtaind over that Dull Disposition, As to the other Indecencies we know not but Clear —

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6th mo. 2d Such a love is measureably maintain^d, by many of us! Yet we see need of Pressing forward to a much greater growth in that Christian virtue; Detraction some what discouraged, and care taken to end Differences

3d That Query measurably observed by most Parents, Tho' we apprehend an Increase of that care, would prove proffitable, to both Parents & Children

4th We have not observed much Transgression in the particulars mentioned in that Query, But not altogether Clear Especially Respecting places of of Publick resort, which is under our notice, Yet are sensible very few if any in all their Conversation, walk as becomes the Proffessors of the Blessed Truth, Tho some are desirous to attain to that state. —

5th Inspection is made into the necessities of the poor, & releif granted but little if any thing done at Present as to Learning their Children no Children placed out that we know of Except Some few hired out for a number of months. —

6th Our young and unmarried mostly Careful in those Respects. But not without Some Exceptions. —

7th None that we know of —

8th Our Testimony maintain^d against Priests wages, and bearing of Arms a few Instances excepted, which are under notice — We have no Desire to Deprive the King of his Duties, Yet we are under some necessity to buy some goods as they are now Imported. But we are not sensible that any act Privately or design to Defraud the King.

9th Upon a more Stricter ~~Enquiry~~ Examination than heretofore we find Friends more deficient in Regard to wills than We had apprehended yet friends have been Rather getting forward in that Respect — Publick gifts &c duly applied. —

10th None bo^t nor sold nor held as slaves, and the few under the Care of friends. We think care is taken to Instruct them, so that there is very little if any cause of complaint Respecting them. —

11th Generally careful in Regard to what is required in that Querie. Tho we beleive some might mend therein —

12th Not altogether Clear in either part, But we are Endeavouring to have the Difficiences Rectified —

13th We are concerned & have been Endeavouring to discharge ourselves according to that Query, yet see need of more depth, and Inward attention

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to wisdoms voice for to Qualify for the rightly accomplishing of what is Required.

The Friends appointed to attend the next Quarterly meeting are Daniel Southwick Thomas Steere Jabez Wing & Caleb Greene - We conclude and Remain you friends & brethern.

Signd in & on behalf of our said meetg By Tho Lapham Junr Clk

P.S We Recd the money mentioned in the last Epistle

At Our Monthly Meeting of Friends held at Smithfield 25th day 7th month 1776 The meeting being Conveend the Reprves appearing from the several Preparative meetgs are

From Smithfield upper House, Seth Killey & Elisha Thornton.

From Uxbridge Moses Farnum & Daniel Aldrich.

From Smithfield Lower House, Ozel Wilkinson.

The time Diamond Preparative meetgs being appointed is considerd to be at an End last monthly meeting

Three of the Consce to take an opportunity with Joseph Bassett Thomas Steere not being Present! Do Report that they all have had an opportunity with him, and think that his motives are Sincere, and that it may be best to receive him under the Care of Friends - Therefore he is accepted a member of this meeting.

Smithfield Lower House Preparve Meeting Informing that Amasa Gray requested the care of friends, And he appearing in this meeting, and still Requesting the Same our Friends Rufus Smith (son of Jacob) Moses Brown Benja Arnold, David Buffum, & Asa Smith are appointed to take a Solid opportunity with him, Concerning the motive of his Request, & Suitableness of his being a member of our Society - & Report to next mly meeting.

Receivd Epistles one from our last Quarterly Meeting & a Transcrip of one from our last Yearly meeting of Rhode Island, & one from the meetg for Sufferings for New England all which were read and well accepted.

The Friends to Consider of the Request of Cynthia Brown, Do Report which is accepted and is as follows.

To the Monthly meetg of Friends to be held at Smithfield the 25th 7th mo 1776. We the Subscribers Comtee appointed to Inspect into the Circumstances of Cynthia Brown's Children Have Several of us visited the family, and Conversed with her Husband, & Queried with him wheather he was willing his Children should be educated in the way of friends, To which he made answer that he had not any thing against it, Since he understood it was his wifes Desire, or words to the same effect, The Children appearing as much friendly as Common for such Children, the oldest being about, or near nine years old, It is our opinion that those Children may as well be admitted members of our Society as any of that age, and under the like Circumstances.

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which we submit to the Meeting, Thomas Steere, Benjamin Arnold, George Smith, Margaret Smith Elisabeth Southwick

Thereupon said Children are taken under the care of this meeting whose names are Benjamin, Abigail John Hannah & Samuel.

The matter refer.d to this meet.g concerning Moses Buffum was considered, and this meeting Denies unity with Him, & hereby puts him from under the care of Friends until he shall make satisfaction for his misconduct, And our friends Ezekiel Comstock & George Comstock are appointed to Inform him of his deniel & Right of appeal, and draw a Testimony of his Deniel — And make Report to next m.ly M.g.t

Jon.a Arnold & Job Scott Presented a Testimony of Stephen & Jeptha Wilkinson's Deniels which was read, and Refer.d to next m.ly meeting for Consideration

The friends not all having had an opportunity with Joseph Buffum Jun.r That matter is Refer.d to next m.ly meet.g, and the Com.ee then to report —

The friends that were appointed Respecting the request for a a middle week meeting at Thomas Steeres, &c, Do Report that they have visited the meetings mentioned in their appointment, and think that it may be Useful, for a meeting to be held at Thomas Steeres the first fifth day in the month, and also on the third fifth day in the month, when there happens 5 fifth days in the month — And at Elisabeth Aldrich's on the Second fifth day in the month which report is accepted, and the meetings appointed accoringly — And that the visit to the meet.g at Scituate appeared to be acceptable, and some hopes of amendment on the acc.t of attending meetings

The Friends Continued to visit friends at Richmond &c not having fulfilled their appointment — They are continued for said Service, and to Report to this meeting in next month, And Thomas Steere & Robert Wilkinson are Desired to assist them in said visit

The other business of this meet.g is Refer.d to next m.ly meeting

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At Our Monthly Meeting of Friends held at Smithfield the 29th day of the 8th month 1776, The meetg being Conveend. The Representatives appearing from the several Preparative meetings are

From Smithfield upper House Joseph Comstock, & David Buffum

From Uxbridge Daniel Aldrich, & Asa Smith

From Smithfield Lower House James Comstock & Augustus Lapham

Smithfield Lower House Preparve meetg Informing that Joseph Harris, was desirious to be Recd under the care of friends, and he appeared in this meetg and Still desiring the Same, We appoint Benjamin Arnold, Daniel Aldrich Elisha Thornton, & David Steere, to take a Solid opportunity with him concerning the motive of his desire, and Suitableness of his being Recd a member of our society — And make Report to next mly meetg —

The friends to take an opportunity with Amasa Gray, Report That they have had an opportunity with Him, and according to their Judgment, he is Sincere in his request, and that it may be best for friends to receive him under their care. Therefore he is Recd a member of this meeting —

The friends continued in the 5th mo. last to further Labour with Thomas Harris. Do Report that they have had a further opportunity with him, and still think It best for friends to wait longer on him. Therefore that matter is continued under the care of the same friends for further Labour. and they to Report to this meetg in the 11th month next —

The friends continued in the 5th mo. last to further Labour with Jesse Darling. Report that they have visited him, and think it best for friends to wait longer on Him — Therefor that matter is continued under the care of said friends for further Labour — and Report to this meetg in the 11th month next —

The friends to inform Moses Buffum of his Deniel &c. Report that they have Informd him according to appointment, and Drawn a Testimony of his Deniel, which being read was approved of & Signd by the Clerk —

The Testimonies of Stephen & Jepth Wilkinson's Deniels Referd to this meetg was considered, and being Drawn Seperate, and Dated from this meetg, were approved of & Signd by the Clerk —

Daniel Aldrich Reports that the Comtee to Labour with Joseph Buffum Junr have not had an opportunity with him, by Reason of sickness, Therefore said Comtee is continued for further Labour, & Report to next monthly meetg — and Asa Smith & Jona Arnold are added to the Comtee —

George Smith, Robert Wilkinson & Elisha Thornton, Report by which it appears that they have visited the meetg at Richmond, & most of the members there — and that the Disunity amongst them, was in a hopeful way to be at an End, and Love & unitg more abound among them — And that Nathaniel Taft gave no Incouragment of making friends Satisfaction. Therefore this meetg

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8th m.o Denies unity with him & puts Him from under the care of our Society, and appoints Jon.a Gaskill to Inform him of his deniel & right of appeal, and make report to next m.ly meet.g — And Moses Farnum and Jonathan Gaskill are desired to Draw a Testimony of his deniel & bring to the adjournment of this meeting —

And also It appears by said Report that there is hopes of Nathan Harkness's making fr.ds Satisfaction. Therefore this meet.g appoints George Arnold, Job Scott, Joseph Comstock, & Thomas Lapham Jun.r to Labour further with Him, and Report to this meeting in the 11th m.o next —

Smithfield Upper House Prepar.ve meet.g Inform that George Arnold desires a Certificate to Rhode Island m.ly meet.g Signifying his clearness in respect of Marriage Engagements among us. Whereupon this meet.g appoints George Comstock, & W.m Buffum, to make the necessary Inquiry in that Respect — And Report to next m.ly meeting.

The women's meet.g Inform that they have Rec.d Sarah Buffum (wife of Jadediah) a member of our Society — And Disown.d Patience & Jemima Wilkinson (Daughters of Jeremiah) —

This Meet.g adjourns to the 9th hour to morrow Morning.

30th day. Met by adjournment. Moses Farnum & Jon.a Gaskill Presented a Testimony of Nathaniel Tafts Deniel which being read was approved of & Sign.d by the Clerk, who is desired to see that said Testimony be read at the close of a friends meet.g at Richmond, & at the close of a meet.g that he the said Nathaniel hath set up — & Report when accomplished.

This meet.g gave a Certificate to Moses Farnum, in order to attend the Yearly & Quarterly meet.g next to be held at Salem — which was Sign.d by the Clk. This meet.g thinking it necessary to make a Reappointment of Overseers Do appoint John Holden Thomas Lapham Jun.r — George Smith, Jonathan Gaskill, W.m Bassett, W.m Buffum George Comstock & David Farnum, to be overseers in this meeting for the time of one year next Ensuing —

In consequence of an Epistle from the meet.g for Sufferings in New England, Requesting this meet.g to appoint a Com.tee to collect in due order an acc.t of the Sufferings of Friends that have been or may be, on acc.t of our Religious Testimony, and Transmit the same to third meeting Wherefore our friends, Ezekiel Comstock Job Scott & Moses Farnum are appointed to Collect an acc.t and lay before this meeting for approbation & y.n transmit the same to y.e m.gt for Suffer.gs from time to time in behalf of this meet.g

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In consequence of a request in the last Quarterly meeting Epistle, for friends to use their freedom in contributing towards raising 100 pounds, in addition to the yearly meetg Stock, This meetg recommends it to the several Prepar.ve meetgs hereto belongin, to contribute Liberally, and send to the Treasurer of this meeting, before next Quarterly meetg.

This meetg. Directs Ezekiel Comstock, George Comstock & George Arnold, to clear up & fence the Lot belonging to this meeting House.

The Treasurer of this meetg is Directed to hire money to pay the meetings debts, when called Upon, if none be in the Treasury.

George Comstock Desires to be dismist from the place of a Treasurer, Therefore He is dismist. and William Buffum is appointed in his place.

At Our Monthly meetg of friends held at Smithfield the 26th of the 9th mo. 1776. The meetg being conveend. The Repr. appearing from the several Prepar.ve meetgs are, From Smithfield upper House. Adam Harkness & Wm. Buffum

From Uxbridge Tho Owen & Samuel Aldrich

From Smithfield Lower House, Richard Mowry & Caleb Greene

The Clerk of this meetg being absent on a Journey, George Comstock is appointed Clk for this time.

The Comtee appoind. to treat with Joseph Harris, Do report that they have not had an opportunity with Him, by reason he is gone a Journey, Wherefore that matter is ~~gone~~ Continued under the care of the same Comtee and they to report to next monthly meetg.

The Comtee all but two to Labour with Joseph Buffum Jun.r Do Report That they have Labour.d with him, who tho. he acknowledg.d he had done amiss, yet did not seem desirious to make Friends Satisfaction, nor in a suitable State of mind therefor, Wherefore this meeting disowns him as being a member and appoints, Ezekiel Comstock & Elisha Thornton To Inform him of the same, and his right of appeal, and draw a Testimony of his Deniel & report to next m.ly m.gt

The Women Inform that they have accepted of an acknowledgment from Sarah Taft (wife of Mijamin Taft Jun.r) And also Rec.d Margery White as a member of our Society, of which this meetg approves.

The Friends to Inquire into the Circumstances of George Arnold respecting Marriage Engagements. Do report that they have made the necessary Enquiry and find nothing to hender his Proceeding to marry, Wherefore this meetg gave him a Certificate Certifying the same, directed to the monthly meetg of Rhode Island

Joseph Comstock Informs this meeting that the Testimony of Nathaniel Tafts deniel, was read according to appointment.

Moses Farnum return.d the Certificate he rec.d at last m.ly meeting

This meetg gave a few lines by way Certificate to David Buffum to Sandwich Quarterly meeting.

Our friends Benj.a Arnold David Buffum, Jon.a Arnold, & Caleb Greene are appointed to attend the next Quarterly meetg.

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At Our Monthly Meetg of Friends held at Smithfield the 31st of the 10th month 1776 The meetg being conveend The Repts appearing from the Several Preparatve meetgs are —

From Smithfield upper House Seth Killey & David Buffum —

From Uxbridge Moses Farnum & Jona Gaskill —

From Smithfield Lower House Thos Steere & John Walker —

The Comtee to Discourse with Joseph Harris (son of David) Do report that they agreeable to appointment have had an opportunity with Him and find nothing to hender his being accepted a member of our Society. Therefore he is receivd under the care of this meeting —

David Buffum returnd the Certificate he recd at last mly meeting and Informd that he had performd the visit therein mentioned —

This meetg Recd a Receit Dated the 10th Instant from Caleb Carpenter — mentioning that he had recd from this meetg £13..11..6 L.M. for ye yearly meeting stock —

Uxbridge Preparve meetg Informing that John Sprague had it on his mind to remove from Richmond to Hoosuck. Therefore this meetg appoints Thomas Steere, Moses Farnum, Jona Gaskill & David Buffum, to give him such advice as they may think necessary — And Report to next mly meetg.

~~Uxbridge Preparve meeting~~ A Paper from Ruth Daniels Requesting for her Children to be taken under the care of Friends, was read in this meeting, and our friends Geo Smith, Elisha Thornton & Moses Brown, are appointed to Joyn a Comtee of the Womens making, and Inspect the Circumstances of the Children, and consider of the suitableness of their being recd under the care of friends — And report to next mly meeting —

An Epistle from the last Select Yearly Meetg at Newport to the Several Quarterly meetings, was read in this meeting, and the advice therein respectg the appointment of Elders is referd to the Consideration of a future meeting

Ezekiel Comstock & Elisha Thornton Report that they have Informd Joseph Buffum Junr according to appointment, and Drawn a Testimony of his Deniel, which being read was approvd of & Signd by the Clerk —

The Epistle from the last Quarterly meetg was read and every friend is desired to Profit thereby —

Uxbridge Preparve meetg Informing that friends at North bridge Request a meetg to be appointed to be held there every 5th day of the week, Except Preparve and mly meeting weeks. Therefore Thomas Steere George Comstock Daniel Aldrich & Wm Buffum are desired to visit that meetg and the 4th day meeting at mendon, and Report to next monthly meetg what they think best to be done Concering said requests —

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Jonathan Sweet of Richmond sent a Paper to this meetg reviving a former Request of being taken under the care of friends, which is referd to the consideration of next monthly meeting at which time he is desired to attend

Smithfield lower House Preparave Meeting Informing that Asael Harris hath gone into many things, Contrary to our Religious Testimony, Particularly Horse raceing associating with vain & unprofitable company, and being concerned in making or preparing Instruments for War, Neglecting to keep to the plain Scripture Language, and keeping company by way courtship with one not of our Society, also neglecting to take the advice of Friends. Thereupon this meeting appoints Thomas Steere Moses Farnum, Moses Brown, Asa Smith & Thomas Lapham Junr to Labour with him for his recovery and Report to next monthly meeting

At Our Monthly Meetg of Friends held at Smithfield the 28th day of the 11th month 1776. The meetg being called the Representatives appearing from the several Preparae Meetgs are

From Smithfield Upper House Ezekiel Comstock & Elisha Thornton

From Uxbridge Benja Gaskill & David Farnum,

From Smithfield Lower House, Rufus Smith & Daniel Anthony

The Comtee to advise John Sprague Respecting Moveing to Hoosuck Report that they have Inspected his Circumstances, and thinks it may be best for him to move there, which this meeting approves of, and Desires Moses Farnum to draw a Certificate for him to friends at the Ninepartners, and bring to next mly mgt.

The friends to consider of the matter of adding a fifth day meetg at Northbridge Report that they have not fully Compleated their appointment. Therefore said friends are continued and to report to next monthly meeting

Jonathan Sweet not appearing at this meeting that matter is referd to the consideration of next monthly Meeting

The friends call but Thomas Steere to Labour with Asael Harris Report that they have had an opportunity with him, which appeard to be favourd, and that he desired friends care towards him. Therefore that matter is Referd under the care of said friend for further Labour, and they to report to this meetg in the 2d month next or sooner if they think best

The friends continued in the 6th month last, to further labour with Seth Jenney & to report in the 8th mo, not reporting then, do now report that they have further labourd with Him and still think there is hopes of this making friends Satisfaction Therefore said friends are still continued for further Labour, and to report to this meetg in the first month next

The friend continued in the in the 8th month last to further Labour with Jesse Darling. Report that through some neglect they have not had opportunity with him Therefore they are continued for the same service, and Report to next monthly meeting

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The friends continued in the 8th month last all but Danl. Southwick who is now Deceased to further Labour with Thomas Harris. Report that they have further Labourd. with Him and think it might be Best for friends to pass by his misconduct, and a Paper from him condemning the same was read and accepted, and he continued under the care of friends, and John Walker is appointed to read said Paper at the Close of a meeting at Scituate; and at the Lower meeting House in Smithfield and make return to next monthly meeting.

Smithfield Upper House Prepar.ve meetg Informing that George Smith Junr. some time past contracted & Recd. Money to go as a Soldier in the Present War and also behaved himself undutiful to his Parents, in refusing to be cloathed in plainness of apparel, and some times frequented vain company. Thereupon this meeting appoints Tho Steere David Buffum & Jos. Mitchel to Labour with him for his recovery, and Report to next mly meeting.

The Comtee. Respecting Nathan Harkness Reported in the 2d mo. following

Uxbridge Prepar.ve meetg Informing that Jeremiah Howland of Charlton hath walked disorderly, Particularly in bearing of Arms, Neglecting to attend friends meetings, and attended those of other Societies, Thereupon this meetg appoints Joseph Comstock, Wm. Buffum Willm. Bassett & Gardner Earll to Labour with Him concerning the same, and Report to next mly meeting.

The friends appointed on the Request of Ruth Daniels, Report which is accepted and is as follows.

According to appointment we have visitted the family of Darius Daniels, and had a Solid opportunity with him his wife and Children together, and he appearing willing and consenting that his Children should be brought up according to Friends Principals, agreeable to his Wives desire and the Children appearing in a Degree Orderly. Therefore we think they may be reciewd under the care of Friends, with as much Safety as can be expected under the same Circumstances.

Signd by Directions & on behalf of the Comtee by Elisha Thornton
Anna Wing

Having seen the foregoing Report hereby manifest my approbation thereof so far as it respects me. Darius Daniels.

Our Worthy friend Daniel Southwick being Deceased since our last mly meetg. our Friends Thomas Steere Moses Farnum, Adam Harkness Elisha Thornton David Buffum & Moses Brown are appointed to draw a memoral of his Life, and bring to next mly meetg.

This Meetg Recd. Several Printed Epistles from the Yearly meetg at Philadelphia in the 9th mo. last, which were Divided to the Particular meetgs, to be Read in Publick at the Close of them.

The Womens meetg Inform that they have Disowned Amey Aldrich Daughter of Elisabeth.

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At Our Monthly Meetg of Friends held at Smithfield the 26th day of the 12th Mo. 1776 The Meetg being Conveend. The Reprsve appearing from the several Preparn. meetgs are. From Smithfield Upper House Robert Wilkinson & Wm. Bassett &c

From Uxbridge Thomas Owen, & Elisha Arnold,

From Smithfield Lower House, Moses Brown & Thomas Lapham Junr.

Moses Farnum according to appointment. Presented a Certificate for John Sprague to the mly meetg at the Nine partners, which was approved of and Signd by the Clk

The friends to consider of the matter of adding a fifth day meetg, at Northbridge — Report that they think it best that the week day meetings at Northbridge and Mendon continue as they are at Present — which Report is accepted —

The matter respecting Jona. Sweet was considered and he appearing in this meeting and Signifying that he still desires to come under the care of Friends Therefore Moses Farnum George Smith, Daniel Aldrich, & Wm. Buffum; are desired to take a solid opportunity with Him, concerning the motives of his request, and Suitableness of being recd. under the care of Friends. And report to next mly meetg —

The Comtee. Respecting Jesse Darling. Report that they have had further opportunity with him, and that he appeard. desirous to make friends satisfaction, but it did not appear to them best for friends to pass by his misteps at Present. Therefore said Comtee. is still continued for further Labour with Him And Adam Harkness — August Lapham, Jabes King & Thomas Owen are Added to said Comtee. & said Comtee. they to report to said & next Mly meeting —

John Walker Reports that the Paper from Thomas Harris was read at the places mentioned in the appointment —

The Comtee. to Labour with George Smith Junr. report that they have had an opportunity with Him, and think it best for friends to wait longer on him. Therefore said Comtee. is continued for further Labour, & to Report in the 2d mo. next or sooner if they think best —

The friends to Labour with Jeremiah Howland Report that they have endeavourd to get an opportunity with him but he declined to give them one. And said to one of the Comtee. that friends might disown him if they thd best, and several friends mentioning that they have discoursed with him, and he gave Little if any hopes of making Satisfaction for his misconduct. Therefore this meeting disowns him as a member, and hereby puts him from under their care And desires Antepas Earll, Augustus Lapham & Oziel Wilkinson, to draw a Testimony of his Denial and notify him of his being Disawnd. & Right of appeal — And Report to next mly meeting

A Request from Mary Dexter for her Children, whose names are Susanna, Stephen Abigail and Edward to be taken under the care of friends, was read and Considered, and Oziel Wilkinson Elisha Thornton & Wm. Bassett are desired to visit her & her Children, and confer on the subject of her Request — And report to next monthly meeting what they think best to be done respectg it —

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The Women's Meetg Inform that they have Recd Lydia Wilbur under their care of which this meeting approves.

This Meetg adjourns to the 10th hour to morrow morning.

Met by adjournment

Smithfield upper House Preparve Meetg Informing that Anthony Chace hath Thiefeshly taken a Cartwhip Lash out of a Shop at Providence, and having been spoke with about it has ownd the fact and manifested no disposition to make friends satisfaction at Present, Therefore this meeting Disowns him as a member and hereby puts him from under their care, and Orders the following Testimony to be Published viz From Our Monthly Meetg of Friends held at Smithfield by adjournment the 27th of the 12th month 1776. Whereas Anthony Chace hath for many Years been a Member of our Religious Society, But by his Inattention to the Counsel of the Light of Christ with in which Leads I into all Truth and out of every wrong thing he hath so far lived in a State of Stupefaction and unwatchfulness as that he hath tho sorrowful relate of any one Professing Christianity Stolen a Cartwhip lash out of a Shop in Providence being the Property of another Man which upon his being treated with about he owned himself guilty of and said he had Since paid the owner for which tho' right in it self to pay for it, does by no means Clear him of the Crime and as this kind of Transgression is a Thing hateful in the sight of God, and good men, and when committed by a Professor of Religion highly Injurious to the cause of Truth and Righteousness — We hereby Testify to the world that We have denied Unity with him and his Conduct and put him from under our care as a Member hoping he that has Stolen may Steal no more, but truely & humbly repent of his misconduct and that he may be favourd to make and keep Covenant with the True Shepherd and enter in to the Sheepfold by Christ the door, that this Stain may be removed by the Prevelence of that Love which over comes the world, And that this may be awarng to all that hear it to keep their hands Clean and have no communion with the unfruitful works of Darkness but rather reprove them; for what Communion hath Light with Darkness or Christ with Belial.

Signd in and on behalf of the Meeting by Tho Lapham Jun Clerk

And George Smith is desired to inform him of his denial & right of appeal, and Read said Testimony at the Close of a meetg at George Smiths and at this House and make return to next mthly Meeting.

James Comstock Desired to be dismist from having the care of the Meetg House & Lot at Providence Therefore he is dismish and Caleb Green is appointed in his place

Smithfield Lower House Preparve Meetg Informing that George Howland son of Samuel hath much neglected to attend friends meetings also to keep to the Plain Scripture Language thee & thou to a Single Person. And hath contracted for marriage with one not of our Society, for which he hath been Labourd with — and gave very little if any

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hopes of making satisfaction for said misconduct, Therefore Jabez Wing and Joseph Mosher are appointed to further Labour with him and Report to next Monthly Meet.g

Smithfield Lower House Preparative Meet.g Informing that, that House wants some repairing, Therefore, Ezekiel Comstock, Daniel Anthony, Jabez Wing, & Sam.l Aldrich are desired to make Inspection of what they shall find necessary to be done, & Report to next meet.g

It appearing that there are several within this m.ly meet.g that have married out several years past and have not been disown.d nor sufficiently Labour.d with Therefore this meeting appoints Daniel Aldrich, Elisha Thornton, Augustus Lapham & Oziel Wilkinson to Labour with all those in that situation and to join a Com.tee of women friends, that is or may be appointed for such a service — and report to this meet.g in the 3.d m.o next, or sooner where cases may be necessary

Certificate from Swanzey Monthly Meet.g Dated the 3.d of the 6.th month last Recommending Buffum Sleade to the care of this Meet.g was read and Accepted

The Queries and answers from the several Prepar.ve Meet.gs with General Answers compos.d therefrom were all read and an Acc.t to the next Quarterly Meet.g was read approved of and Sign.d by the Clk, and Benjamin Arnold, Daniel Aldrich, Jon.a Arnold & Moses Brown are appointed Representatives to attend said Quarter

Our Meet.g for Sufferings having Rec.d an Epistle from the last yearly Meeting in London, got a number of them Printed, several of which were sent to this Meeting & are Distributed to the several particular Meet.gs

The Friends to Draw a memoral of our friend Daniel Southwick, have Presented one which was approved of & Sign.d and is as as follows

A Testimony from the Monthly Meet.g held at Smithfield in New England the 26.th of the 12.th Month 1776, Concerning Daniel Southwick Late of Mendon Deceased

For as much as it looks likely to us that some acc.t of this our valuable friend may be beneficial to those of the future, as well as the present generation if committed to record, as an incitement & incouragement, to persevere in the Path of virtue.

Therefore let it be noted that He was Born at Salem in the year 1705 Decended of the ~~[illegible]~~ Family of Southwicks, mentioned in Sewels & Bishops Histories; His Father died when he was young; so that he had not the benefit of a fathers Instruction an advantage that too many youth are apt to slight to their own unutterable Loss yet he had an Education among Friends; and when he came to mans Estate he become Religious forsook youthful follies and passed through Exercises and discouragements, as some of us have heard him say; till he was almost ready to sink; at which time a Language ran through him, that he who had begun a good work was able to carry it on which so strengthned him; That from that time he took courage, Embraced the Cross, and Persevered in that way that he saw to be his duty to walk in; and not long after he was concern.d to appear in the Ministry, in the Assemblys of ~~[illegible]~~ the Lords People, to the satisfaction of his Brethren. He removed from Salem to Settle among us, in the year 1742 since which Time we have been mostly favour.d with his company; as he travelled not very far abroad. And we may say thus much of him that it appears to us that Price

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Pride, Covetuousness, and Anger had as little room in him, as in any man of our acquaintance. We may further remark That in his Publick Testimony he was much concern^d to shew the nature and value of Love, and the Hurtful and Pernicious consequences of ill will, contention and hatred; also to assert and maintain the universality and sufficiency of the Light of Christ Manifested in Man for his restoration to, and preservation in a state of Reconcilation with God, ~~and hath been Testified of and beleived in~~, Clearly proving by the Testimony of the Scriptures, That this inward Light is of God, and hath been Testified of, and beleived in by the faithful in former Generations; and that it was and is the only infallible guide to true happiness; and that without which no Man can attain to the true and saving knowledge of God.

Very able he was to Illustrate and point out how opposite War and Bloodshed, is to the Gospel Dispensation; which brings to beating Swords into Plowshares, and Speares into Pruning Hooks; and learning carnal War no more; And so afflicted was he with the Lamentable State of the English Nation at this Time, That the consideration thereof was apprehended to rather Increase his disorder, which was of a Dropsical kind. He was Examplary in the attendance and Sitting in Meetings, was peace able and a Peace maker in the Neighbour hood where he dwelt, and as he lived so he died, saying in his last sickness, That his love was as strong towards friends as ever, and desired they might keep steady: And as his Example through his Religious Progress hath been such as is worthy of Immitation, We hope this his desire may have Increasing, weight with each of us, and excite a watchful care to avoid every thing that tends to unsettle, and shake us from that steady conduct which the truth Leads into, and as it's attended to preserves in.

His understanding reman^d sound till near the last; and in the course of his sickness He drapt many Instructive, and Comfortable Expressions: Once taking Leave of one who Educated among friends, and willing to be accounted such, and advanced considerably in age, yet the cross not being taken up as it ought to have been; This our Friend taking this opportunity when he had him by the Hand, said in brokenness of Spirit It affects me to see Elderly People who have brot up Families and been Trampling upon ~~Truths~~ ~~Truth~~ the Testimony of Truth through Life; or to the same Import, with other affecting Expressions; which did mightly take hold of the Man, so that he could not contain himself for weeping; and it is our fervent desire that it may produce Proffitable and lasting Considerations; not only in his mind to whom it was spoken, but to all who are in such a state that may hear or Read this account.

At another Time after lying Silent for some time, in great Pain he turned over in his bed and looking at a friend Present, He said O' dear I dont know as I could bear this had it not been, that our Master bore it before Me. But now I find ~~[illegible]~~

That ~~[illegible]~~

That I can bear this, and more too patiently, or to the same effect. The evening before his ~~departure~~ Decease, taking a Friend by the Hand said, I think the Pains of death are upon me, I think I shall not see the Light of another day, the pain of body that I endure is very great, but the peace of mind out ballances all, for my mind is in perfect Peace. During his last sickness which lasted about three months, He under went much bodily pain, which he said he had some sense of before it came, and further said he beleived ~~that~~ it was not only on his own account, but for others also, Intimating that they might Prepare for such a time of Trial. Examplary he was in patience unto the End. He expred on the 19th of the 11th month 1776. about the 3d Hour in the morning, in good Unity with his Brethern, and is we believe arrived where the wicked Cease from Troubling and the weary are at Rest; and on the 20th in the afternoon his body was Interred in a burying place on his own ground; And was attended by a large concourse of Friends & others; And as he is and will be much missed by us; as well as by others, We pray the great Lord of the Harvest, to raise up and Qualify more Faithful, and Examplary Servents, and send them forth into his Harvest.

Signd in and on behalf of said Meeting by

Thomas Steere	Moses Farnum	David Buffum
Benja Arnold	Elisha Thornton	Ezekiel Comstock
Thomas Owen	Thomas Lapham Junr	Daniel Aldrich
George Smith	James Comstock	Samuel Aldrich
Jabez Wing	Moses Brown	George Comstock

At Our Monthly Meeting of Friends held at Smithfield the 30th of the 1st mo 1777 The Meeting being Conveend, the Repres appearing from the several Preparative meetings are: From Smithfield Upper House, Elisha Thornton & George Comstock.

From Uxbridge Stephen Aldrich & Lawrance Southwick Junr.

From Smithfield Lower House Thomas Steere, & Daniel Anthony.

The Comtee to take an opportunity with Jona Sweet, Report, that they have taken one with him, and altho he did not appear to be so far advanced in a Religious groath and Experience as they should have been glad to found. Yet beleive he is sincere in his request and that it may be best for Friends to grant ~~his request~~ the same. Therefore he is Accepted a member of this Meeting.

The Comtee to further Labour with Jesse Darling. Report, that they have had an opportunity with him, and think it may be best ~~for~~ to wait longer on him. Therefore that matter is referd under the care of the same Comtee for further Labour with him. And they to report to this meetg in the 4th mo next, or sooner if necessary.

The friends to Inform Jeremiah Howland of his Deniel & right of appeal & Draw a Testimony there of Report that they have fulfilled their appointment; and the further Proceedings in that matter is Referd to next moly meetg for Consideration.

The friends to visit Marcy Dexter, Respecting her Children's being recd under the care of friends, not all being Present; That matter is referd to next moly meeting.

George

1777 1st mo. 15 George Smith not having fully Compleated his appointment respecting Anthony Chace, He is desired to fulfil the same and Report to next mo.ly meetg.

The friends to Labour with George Howland, Report, That they have Labourd with him, and he seem.d to be sensible of his misteps, and Desired to make satisfaction Therefore that matter is refer.d under the care of the same friends, and they to further visit him, and report to next monthly meeting.

The Com.tee Respecting repairing Smithfield Lower meetg House, not being ready to report, by reason of Sickness, are Desired to report to next mo.ly meeting.

The friends Continued in the 11th month last, to further Labour with Seth Jenney. Do Report that they have Labour.d with him, and are desirous to have further opportunity Therefore they are continued, and Wm. Buffum, Job Scott, & Robert Wilkinson, are added to them for further Labour. And Report to next mo.ly meeting.

This meeting gave a Certificate to Nine partner monthly meeting recommending Stephen & Gideon Lapham (Sons of Benjamin) to their care, which was Sign.d by ye Clerk

Also this meeting gave a Certificate Recommending George Elisabeth Abigail Benjamin & Ruth Lapham (Children of the above said Benjamin & underage) to the care of Ninepartner monthly Meeting, which was also Sign.d by the Clerk.

Smithfield Upper House Prepar.ve meetg. Informing that Joseph Gaskill, hath very much neglected to attend meetings both for worship & Discipline, and frequented Taverns and vain Libertine Company in ~~Flock~~ Frolicks, and been concerned in a lottery or Lotteries. and kept Company with those not of our Society by way of Court Ship. Whereupon this meeting appoints Thomas Steere, Elisha Thornton, and Daniel Aldrich, to Labour with him for his recovery, And Report to next monthly meeting.

Said meeting also Informing that Caleb Aldrich (son of Elisabeth) Hath gone as a Soldier in the Millitary Service. And he having been advised to the Contrary before he went And the Practice of War being so Contrary to Our Proffession, We think it best to disown him, without Labouring further with him. Therefore this meeting puts him from under Our care; and appoints Wm. Bassett, to Read this minute at the Close of a meeting at Elisabeth Aldrich's. And make return to next mo.ly meeting.

George Comstock is appointed to read the Testimony of Joseph Buffum Jun.r & Daniel at the Close of a meeting at this House, and make Return to next mo.ly meeting.

The other Business of this meetg is Refer.d to next mo.ly meeting.

At Our Monthly Meeting of Friends held in Smithfield the 27th day of ye 2do mo.

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From Smithfield Upper House Joseph Comstock & David Buffum.

From Uxbridge David Farnum & Daniel Aldrich.

From Smithfd Lower House David Steere Jos. Mitchell & Levi Arnold.

The Epistle from our last Quarterly Meeting was read and well accepted. and also the Womens Quarterly meetg Epistle was Read to good Satisfaction.

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The Com.tee Continued in the 8th month to Labour with Nathan Harkness, and to Report in the 11th mo. last. But not reporting then, Joseph Comstock now reports, that he with Job Scott visited him in company with Moses Farnum, and it was their Opinion that it might be best for friends to receive the Paper from him Directed to this meet.g in the 9th month. Yet as some friends are not fully satisfied this meeting Defires said Com.tee with Elisha Thornton & Moses Brown to take further opportunity with Him. and Report to next monthly meet.g.

The Com.tee Continued in the 12th month to Labour with George Smith Jun.r So report That they have Labour.d with Him for his misconduct, as mentioned in the 11th month. and it appear.d to them that he was not in a state suitable to make satisfaction, and think it best that he be disown.d. Therefore this meet.g puts him from under their care and appoints Ezekiel Comstock & George Arnold. to Inform him of his denial & right of Appeal and draw a Testimony of his Denial. and Report to next mo.ly meeting

The Com.tee continued in the 14th month to further Labour with Abdul Harris. Report that they have had an opportunity with him, and he appear.d much the same as before — Therefore said Com.tee is Desired to have the care of that matter. and report to this meet.g in the 5th month next. or sooner if they think necessary —

Smithfield Lower House Preparative Informing by their minute of the last month. that Charles Harris (son of Gideon) Hath Contracted for marriage with one not of our Society and too much neglected to use the Plain Language, and attend our Religious meetings, and frequented unprofitable Company, and there Some times Drive in Horse racing. For which things he hath several times been Labour.d with by the overseers, without the desired effect. and this meeting being now Inform.d that he is married — Therefore this meeting thinks it best to disown him without further Labour, and he is hereby disowned, and put from under the care of this meeting, and if he shall make satisfaction for his said conduct, and appoints Thomas Steere, Moses Farnum, & Oziel Wilkinson to inform him of his Denial, & right of Appeal, and Draw a Testimony of his denial. And report to next monthly meeting. —

The Matter Respecting Jeremiah Howland is again refered till next monthly meet.g for further Consideration

The Com.tee Respecting Harvey Dexter is not being ready to report that matter is Refer.d to next monthly meet.g. The Com.tee then to Report. —

George Smith Reports that he hath fulfilled his appoint.m. Respect.g Anthony Chace

The Com.tee to visit George Howland, Report that they have not had an opportunity with him by reason of his not meeting them as expected, Therefore they are continued for that Service, and Report to next mo.ly meet.g —

The Com.tee to view Smithfield Lower meeting, report, which is accepted & is as follows

We have agreable to appointment viewed the old meeting house, and find one side of the roof very poor & Leaky, The Cell by the Door rotten, Clabbards off in many Places. No fire place in the great Part, nor the Chamber Seated, and the whole unplastered, and but a Single floor, So that it is both uncomfortable, and Disreputable, the windows broke & some Intirely gone. We are therefore of opinion that the same be Repaired, and finished, in the Cheapest, and best manner, Jabez Wing Ezekiel Comstock Samuel Aldrich, Daniel Anthony. —

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3rd. The womens meeting inform that they have disowned Ruth Hopkins Amey Bassett, Experience Shearman and Levina Arnold, of which this meeting approves. The friends to treat with George Rowland, report that he has consumated marriage out of the order of friends, and that they have had an opportunity with him, and he appeared not in a state suitable to make satisfaction for his so marrying, nor for his misconduct complain'd of; Therefore he is hereby disowned, and put from under the care of this meeting; and Daniel Aldrich, Elisha Thornton, and William Bassett, are appointed to inform him of the above conclusion; and right of appeal, and draw a testimony of of his deniel; and report to next monthly meeting.

The friends appointed respecting the request of Marcy Dexter, report, which is accepted and is as follows. According to appointment we have visited Marcy Dexter and Children, and according to our observation said Children may be taken under the care of friends, the two Oldest signifying their willingness for the same. Oziel Wilkinson, William Bassett, Elisha Thornton, Mary Brown, Elisabeth Southwick, Elisabeth Southwick the younger and it is particularly recommended that their mother be careful to instruct them, and they to conduct, according to truth, and the discipline of our Society.

The meeting adjourns to the 10th hour to morrow.

20th day met by adjournment.

Most of the committee respecting Seth Jenne report that they have had further opportunity with him, and think best that he be waited on longer, Therefore the same is continued under the care of the same friends for further labour. They to report to the meeting in the 5th month, or sooner if necessary. Two of the Comtee to labour with Joseph Gaskill report that they have had an opportunity with him, and think further labour necessary. Therefore said Comtee is continued for the same & Report to this meeting in the 5th mo. or sooner if necessary.

The Comtee to labour with Luke Tillson, report that they have laboured with him, and that he refused to do any thing to condemn the conduct he was complain'd of for; and no friend mentioning a desire to have further opportunity with him, this meeting doth hereby put him from under the care of our society, until he shall make satisfaction. And said comtee is desired to inform him of his deniel and right of appeal, and draw a testimony of his deniel, and report to next monthly meeting.

The Comtee to visit Richard Estes Junr. Report that they have Labour'd with him and that he refused to condemn the conduct he was complain'd of for

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3 mo. and that he acknowledged himself guilty of using bad language. Therefore this meeting puts him from under the care of our Society until he shall make satisfaction. And said Comtee is desired to inform him of the above conclusion, and right of appeal, and draw a testimony of his denial, and report to next monthly meeting. The friends appointed respectg Abner Chase not having fulfilled their appointment, they are continued and to report to next mly meetg.

The womens meeting inform that they have disowned Sarah Sheldon (wife of Benjamin) Uxbridge Preparative meeting informing that Benedict Arnold had some thoughts of moving to Hoosuck, and desires friends advice therein, whereupon our friends Thomas Steere, Benjamin Arnold, Moses Farnum, Joseph Mitchell, David Buffum, and George Smith are appointed to inquire into the circumstances, and give him such advice as may appear necessary; and report to next monthly meeting.

The comtee appointed in the 12th month to labour with such that have married out several years past: Report that some two of them have visited, Edward Howland, Jacob Bartlet, Aaron Aldrich, Asael Aldrich, John Southwick, & Benjamin Smith, who appeared desirous to make satisfaction; yet they think it necessary that they be further visited. Therefore the said Comtee is continued to further visit them; and such others as have not been visited, and report to this meeting in the 6th month next or sooner if necessary.

This meeting appoints Ezekiel Comstock an overseer of the Poor.

At our monthly meeting of friends held at Smithfield the 24th day of the 4th month 1777, the meeting being conveend the represent appearing from the Preparative meetings are from Smithfield upper house Jabez Wing & George Comstock. from Uxbridge David Farnum, Benja Gaskill, and Elisha Arnold.

From Smithfield Lower house Rufus Smith and Daniel Anthony.

This meeting receivd a certificate from Dartmouth monthly meeting dated the 16th of last month, recommending Jonathan Heart to the care of this meeting, where he is proposed to reside for some time.

The Comtee to take an opportunity with James Smith respecting his requesting the care of friends: report that they have had an opportunity with him, and think it best that his request be granted. Therefore he is accepted a member of this meeting.

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1777 1 mo. 2 Ufa Potter who requested the care of friends at the lower house prepar. meet.g appear.d in this meeting and still requesting the same, our friends George Comstock Job Scott and Oziel Wilkinson are appointed to take a solid opportunity with him concerning the motive of his request and suitableness of being a member of our society; and report to next monthly meeting.

The Com.tee to inquire into the clearness of Moses Farnum in respect of marriage engagements, report that they have made inquiry and dont find any thing to hender his proceeding in marriage with Elisabeth Southwick, and they appeared in this meeting, and rec.d their answer in order for marriage; and our friends Thomas Steere, and Adam Harkness are appointed to see the same consummated and report to next monthly meeting.

The Epistle from our last Quarterly meeting was read to good satisfaction.

George Southwick and Judith Southwick, appeared in this meeting and declared their intentions of taking each other in marriage, the friends David Buffum & Elisha Thornton are appointed to inquire into his clearness in that respect, & report to next monthly meeting.

Nehemiah Aldrich and Anna Gorhill appeared in this meeting and declared their intentions of taking each other in marriage whereupon our friends David Farnum and Lawrance Southwick Jun.r are appointed to inquire into his clearness in that respect; and report to next monthly meeting.

This meet.g rec.d a certificate from Swanzy monthly meeting dated the 7th instant recommending Edward Southwick to the care of this meeting.

The friends continued in the 1st month to further labour with Jesse Darling report that they have further labour with him, and think he is not in a state of mind suitable to make satisfaction for his marrying out of the order of Friends, and that he often neglects to attend our meetings; therefore he is hereby put from under the care of this meeting, until he shall make satisfaction; and our friends Moses Farnum & Daniel Aldrich are appointed to inform him of his denial, and right of appeal, and draw a testimony of his denial, and report to next monthly meeting. Moses Farnum reports that he hath sent the paper from Nathan Harkness to Richmond in order to be read there according to appointment, but as yet hath had no return.

The com.tee to visit Jeremiah Howland, report that they have visited him, and desire a further opportunity: therefore they are continued and to report to next m.ly meet.g

The friends appointed respecting George Howland, report that they have fulfil.d their appointment; and the Testimoney of his denial was read approved of and sig.d by the Clerk.

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4th mo. The friends appointed respecting the fence around the burying lot, not having fully complied with their appointment, are continued to compleat the same, & report to next monthly meeting.

The friends appointed respecting Oliver Chace report that they have fulfilled the same, and the testimony of his family was read approved of and signed by the clerk.

The friends appointed respecting Benedict Arnold report that he hath concluded not to move to Hoosick at present.

The treasurer informs that he thinks this meeting is in debt about one hundred pounds therefore it is hereby recommended to the several preparative meetings to raise the same, and send to the treasurer of this meeting as soon as may be conveniently; and also an acct. to this meeting.

This meeting appoints our friends Moses Farnum, Moses Brown, David Buffum, Tomas Lapham junr. Ebenezer Elisha Thornton Samuel Allen, George Arnold, Unlepast Cook, and David Steere to draw up a plan for establishing a free school among friends and lay the same before next monthly meeting.

The womens meeting inform that they have put Mary Steere wife of Samuel from under the care of our Society.

At our monthly meeting of friends held at Smithfield the 29th day of the 5th month 1777. The meeting being convened the representatives appearing from the preparative meetings are, from Smithfield upper house. Adam Harkness, Jacob Arnold, from Uxbridge, Daniel Allerich, Samuel Fowler, & Moses Farnum from Smithfield lower house Thomas Steere, and Amasa Grange.

Thomas Arnold son of Jonathan who requested the care of the lower house preparative meeting, appeared in this meeting and still requesting the same, our friends Thomas Steere, Joseph Mitchell, David Buffum and Moses Farnum are appointed to have a solid opportunity with him concerning the motive of his request and suitableness of being received under the care of friends, and report to next monthly meeting.

The friends to deal with Ufa Potter respecting his requesting the care of friends report that his motive therein appears sincere and think it best that his request be granted, Therefore he is accepted a member of our Society.

Adam Harkness and Thomas Steere report that they attended the marriage of Moses Farnum, and it appeared to be conducted in an orderly manner.

The friends to inquire into the clearness of George Southwick in respect of marriage report that by inquiry they find nothing to hinder his proceeding in marriage with Judith Southwick, and they appeared in this meeting, and received their answer in order for marriage; our friends, David Buffum and Elisha Thornton are appointed to see the same consummated, and report to next monthly meeting.

One of the friends to inquire into the clearness of Ishmael Allerich in respect of marriage report, that in behalf of himself and the other who being absent by indisposition, that by inquiry they find nothing to hinder his proceeding in marriage

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2 mo. with Anna Gaskill, and they appeared in this meeting & received their answer in order for marriage, and David Farnum, and Moses Farnum are appointed to see the same consummated, and report to next mo.ly meet.g

The friends appointed respecting Jesse Darling, report that they have fulfilled their appointment; and the testimony of his deniel was read approved of and sign.d by the clerk.

The friends continued to take an opportunity with Jeremiah Thurland, not having had one as was expected by reason of his not having w.d to meet them, therefore they are still continued for that service; & report to next monthly meeting.

The friends respecting Luke Jilson and Richard Estes Junr. Report that they have fulfilled their appointment, and the testimonies of their deniels, were read approved of and signed by the clerk.

The womens meeting inform that they have accepted Martha Thornton (widow, Sarah Steere wife of John and Sarah Gray wife of Amasa: and have disowned Sarah Sheldon wife of Benjamin).

The friends appointed to draw a plan for establishing a School among friends, exhibited one to this meeting, which being read is refer.d to next monthly meeting for consideration.

A Certificate from Salem monthly meet.g dated 10th of last month recommending Josiah Shove to the care of this meeting, was read and accepted.

A letter from the meeting for Sufferings respecting the attention in the of the general assembly of this Colony, called an act of Indulgence towards those of tender consciences, in respect of Military requisitions, was read to satisfaction.

The friends continued in the third month to further labour with Seth Tenn for marrying out of the order of friends, report that they have had further opportunity with him, and inform that he by being too familiar with her that is now his wife, before marriage had rendered it unsuitable to be married among friends, and they inform that they have divers times laboured to bring him to a sense of the heinousness of his transgression, but their labour appeared to have but little, or no effect; wherefore this meeting puts him from under our care as a member; and appoints our friends Elisha Thornton and William Buffum to inform him of his deniel and right of appeal and draw a testimony of his deniel: and report to next monthly meeting.

The friends continued in the 3d month to further labour with Joseph Gaskill report, that by his not meeting them as desired they have not had further

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Labour with him therefore they are continued for said Service; and to report to next month
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The friends continued in the second month to labour with Isahel Harris report that most of them have several times laboured with him but he appeared not in a state suitable to make satisfaction; and that he hath proceeded to many out of the order of friends. But as he desired friends to wait another month, and there appeared some degree of tenderness in him this meeting refers the same under the care of the same Comte. They to report to next monthly meeting.

Smithfield lower house preparative meeting informing that Isaac Parker jun.r hath notwithstanding the care of friends towards him, much neglected the attendance of our meetings, and of late hath joined himself to a military company of soldiers therefore this meeting puts him from under the care of friends as a member and appoints Benjamin Arnold to inform him of his denial and right of appeal, and read a copy of this minute at the close of a meeting at Providence, and make return to next monthly meeting.

Smithfield lower house preparative meeting informing that Jeremiah Wilkinson hath for some time past very much neglected the attendance of our meetings both for worship and discipline, and having been spoken to gave very little of any hopes of amendment, therefore this meeting appoints Jabez Wing, John Wilcher, George Smith and Thomas Lapham junr. to further treat with him and report to next monthly meeting.

At our Monthly meeting of Friends held at Smithfield the 26th day day of the 6th month 1777. The meeting being convened the representatives appearing from the preparative meetings are. From Smithfield upper house, Eli Thornton & Rufus Smith.
From Uxbridge Samuel Fowler and Moses Sarmum.
From Smithfield lower house, Ezekiel Wilkinson and Augustus Lapham.
The friends appointed to treat with Thomas Arnold, respecting his requesting the the care of friends, Report that they have had an opportunity with him, and that his motive appeared sincere, and they think best for friends to grant his request therefore he is accepted a member of our Society.

Uxbridge preparative meeting informing that Thomas Edey son of John hath requested the care of friends. He appearing in this meeting and still requesting the same, Ezekiel Wilkinson, George Comstock, Elisha Thornton, are appointed to take a solid opportunity with him concerning the motive of his request, and suitableness of being admitted a member of our society. and report to next monthly meeting.

The friends to see the marriage of George Southwick consummated report that it appeared to be conducted in an orderly manner; unless it was in too many's attending the marriage dinner.

The friends to see the marriage of Nehemiah Aldrich, consummated, report that it appeared to be conducted in an orderly manner, on their part, but there appeared too much lightness in some young people while the certificate was a signing.

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The friends to visit Jeremiah Howland, Report that they have several times visited him and notwithstanding the paper of acknowledgment he sent to this meeting some months past, they think he is not in a state of mind suitable to make satisfaction for his misconduct; therefore said com.tee is dismist, Yet as some friends were desirous to further visit him, that matter is refer.d to next monthly meeting and said friends then to report —

The women Inform that they have disowned Chloe Sheldon wife of Caleb Sheldon of Killingly, and accepted Lydia Harris daughter of David Harris —

The Matter Respecting the School was again considered, and the Com.tees report with their amendment being twice read, and this meeting having considered the importance, and Usefulness of the subject, do approve thereof, and appoint, Thomas Steere, Moses Farnum, David Steere, Moses Brown Ezekiel Comstock, Benjamin Arnold, Rufus Smith, Daniel Cass, George Smith, Samuel Aldrich, Gardner Earll, David Buffum, and Thomas Lapham Jun.r a Com.tee for said service; and recommends to each Prepar.ve meeting & friends in general a subscription in their freedom to be paid to the said Com.tee or such one of them as they may appoint Treasurer of the School fund, and whom they may impower, in behalf of the whole Com.tee to receive of the trustees of Rachel Thayer, & their successors, and give discharges from time to time; for the whole of said income, And as a further sum than the immediate income of the School fund may be necessary to procure a suitable Master and keep up the School till the Annual income be increased friends also are desired to give in their freedom towards the first years schooling — The Com.tees report is as follows viz.e —

To the monthly meeting of Friends to be held at Smithfield the 29th of the 5th m.o 1777 — We being appointed by last monthly to consult upon a plan for a School — Recommend that in the future the donation of Rachel Thayer deceased, be applyed towards the support of a School within the monthly meeting, which we apprehend to be the intention of the doner when wanted for that purpose in preference to any other use; and tho by the words of the will there is liberty to use it for general Expences as hath been the case, we think it best that in future it be solly reserved for Schooling unless it should hereafter Clearly appear to the monthly meeting to be really more wanted for other uses; as there is of the poor, & those not in suitable circumstances to send their Children sufficient, we beleive to take the whole, and as Schooling in general is much neglected in society, Owing to a want of suitable persons qualified to teach Schools & a suitable care and concern for the Education of the rising Generation, we also propose to the meeting to recommend subscriptions to each Preparative meeting to contribute in their freedom, towards a fund the income of which to be for the support of Schooling forever hereafter; and also towards the expence of Schooling the first year, to promote & incourage its speedy establishment — and as we apprehend a useful School may be immediatly established with the help of the donation mentioned.

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and such others as may be freely made to so useful & benevolent a purpose. We propose that a suitable master be procured as soon as may be to teach a School within the verge of this monthly meeting that the poor, and such whose parents are not of ability to School them be taught therein, or elsewhere, as may appear best out of said fund, and that it be open to other friends to send to, they paying such proportion of the tuition money as the Com^tee may find necessary to keep up the School, that there be a Com^tee of at least ten solid Judicious friends appointed by the monthly Meeting, any seven of which to be impowered to act, whose province it shall be to conclude upon a place (after notifying each particular meeting of the time of their meeting to determine the same, and giving an opportunity to open the advantages of each place) and to remove it to any other place, or places; from time to time, as they may see it best. To agree with tutors. To inspect the poorer sort of Friends families, and determine who are most suitable to be Schooled out of the fund raised, or to be raised. To raise and forward subscriptions amongest friends, for the Support of the School or Schools.

To make and establish such Rules and Regulations as may to them appear conducive to the furtherance of Learning, Morality; and with their Education, an attention to our Religious Principals. To receive of the Trustees of Rachel Thayer, & Their Successors, the income of her donation, and give Discharges therefor; and to act and transact every other matter and thing, belonging to the School, in as full a manner as the monthly meeting could, said meeting reserving the right and power of dismission, and appointing others in the Com^tee and to call upon, inspect, and Examine any, or all of them, by committees, or otherwise as the meeting may hereafter think proper. Moses Farnum, Samuel Aldrich, David Steere, Elisha Thornton, Moses Brown, David Buffum, Job Sott, George, Arnold Antepas, Earl, Thomas Lapham Junr.

Smithfield upper house prepar^ve meeting informing that Rufus Smith requested for his children, under age to be taken under the care of friends, whose names are Chad, Ora, Ladock & Paul, whereupon this meeting appoints George Smith, Daniel Aldrich, Wm Bassett, & George Arnold, to pay Rufus and his children a visit; and report what they think best to be done with said request to next monthly meeting.

The friends to Labor with Joseph Gaskill report, that they have had an opportunity with him, and recommend friends to wait longer on him, therefore the same is referred under the care of the said com^tee for further labour, and to report to next monthly meeting.

The Queries with Answers from the Preparative meetings, and the General Answers composed therefrom, were read, and the general answers inserted in the acc^t to the Quarterly meeting which was approved of and sign^d by the Clerk.

Smithfield lower house preparative meeting informing that John Harris of Scituate hath sign^d the declaration called the Test, Whereupon this meeting ~~have lately~~ considering how lately he declared his unity of Sentiments with us respecting the unlawfulness of war, and thereupon, received a certificate from this meeting, and he having

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Deliberately considered of the matter of signing said Test, as appears by the acct. of several friends, who hath conversed with him, therefore this meeting disowns unity with him, as a member of our religious society, yet greatly desiring his reformation, and return to that principal of light and Wisdom as he hath exprest in times past hath satisfied him ~~in times past~~ as to our peaceable principals, against war, and which if duly attended to will we beleive convince him of his error, and enable to return as did the Prodigal to his Father. And Jabez Wing is desired to read a copy of the above minute at the close of a first day meeting at Situate, and make return to next monthly meeting, ~~all~~ All the further business of this meeting is referd. to next monthly meeting.

At our monthly meeting of friends held at Smithfield the 31st of the 7th month 1777 The meeting being convened the representatives appearing from the prepar.tive meetings are from, Smithfield upper house, Joseph, Comstock & S. Hilley
From Uxbridge, Daniel Aldrich, Samuel Aldrich, and Joseph Mosher.
From Smithfield lower house, Thomas Steere and Moses Brown.
The friends to treat with Thomas Eddy, respecting his request to come under the care of friends, report, that they have had an opportunity with him ~~and~~ his motive appeared sincere, and they think it best that his request be granted therefore he is accepted a member of this meeting.

Uxbridge prepar.tive meeting informing that Jazaniah Barrett requested the care of friends and he appearing in this meeting and still requesting the same, thereupon our friends David Buffum Thomas Lapham Junr. and David Farnum, are appointed to take a solid opportunity with him concerning the motive of his request and suitableness of being admitted a member of our society, and report to next monthly meeting.

The Comtee continued to labour with those that have have married out several years past, and have not made Satisfaction, Report that they have visited Jacob Bartlet (son of Joseph) and brot. a paper from him condemning his so marrying and some times attending trainings husskings lotteries & Card playing ~~at~~ which is accepted, and he continued under the care of friends, and Wm. Buffum is desired to read said paper at the close of a meeting at this House, and report to next monthly meeting. Said comtee also report that they have revisitted Benjamin Smith (son of Benj. deceased of Smithfield) and they brot. a paper from him condemning his marrying out of the order of friends, and some times going into unprofittable company and there playing at cards and other games the same is accepted, and he continued under the

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the care of friends — and Thomas Lapham Junr. is desired to read said paper at the close of a meeting at the lower meeting house in Smithfield & at providence, and report to next monthly meeting. 163

Said Comtee further reports that they have all but one visited John Southwick and brot. a paper of acknowledgment from him, wherein he condemns his marrying out of the order of Friends, and living too thoughtless as to a future state &c. and said paper being read is accepted, and he continued under the care of friends, and David Farnum is desired to read said paper at the close of a meeting at Uxbridge, and report to next monthly meeting.

Said comtee yet further reports that they have visited Asahel Aldrich, and brot. a paper of acknowledgment from him, wherein he condemns his going out in marriage and misconduct in many other respects, which being read is accepted, and his misconduct past by, & he continued under the care of friends. Richard Mowry is desired to read said paper at the close of a meeting at Uxbridge, and make return to next monthly meeting.

Said comtee further informs that they have visited several others, whom they think not suitable to recommend to be restored or disown'd. Therefore the Comtee is continued for said service and to report to this meetg in the 10th month or sooner, if necessary.

The women's meeting inform that ~~they have~~ Allice Sprague (wife of Nehemiah) hath requested the care of friends for her Children, whereupon this meeting appoints George Comstock Jabez Wing and George Arnold, to assist the women in visiting the said Allice and family and report their sense to next monthly meeting respecting the suitableness of said Children's being received under the care of friends.

A certificate from Salem monthly meeting dated at Lynn the 10th instant, recommending Thomas Holder to the care of this meeting signifying his being of a sober life and conversation, and clear of marriage Ingagements among them, was read and accepted.

Uxbridge preparative meeting informing by their minute of last month that Paul Aldrich hath gone contrary to the good order of friends in many respects viz. in keeping company by way of courtship with one not of our Society, and hath been in the practice of vainly wrestling and not keeping to plainess in speech and apparel. Thereupon our friends George Smith, Samuel Aldrich, and Asa Smith, are appointed to labour with him for his recovery and report to next monthly meetg.

The friends that desired to have an opportunity with Jeremiah Howland, are still allowed another month to visit him and to report to next monthly meeting.

The friends all but one to visit Rufus Smith & Children, respecting his request for his Children to be taken under the care of friends. Report that they have visited them, and think it may be best to grant said request, therefore said Children are accepted under the care of friends.

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The Com.tee to further labour with Joseph Gaskill. Report that they have endeavoured to get an opportunity with him, but he not giving them one they think his conduct such that he is not suitable to make satisfaction for his misconduct. Therefore this meeting disowns unity with him, and hereby puts him from under our care, until he shall make satisfaction and appoints Elisha Thornton, and Wm. Buffum to inform him of his denial and right of appeal, and draw a Testimony of his denial, and Report to next monthly meeting.

The Com.tee to further labour with Asahel Harris, report that they have further laboured with him and think he is not in a state suitable to make satisfaction for the misconduct complained of in the 10th month last, Therefore this meeting puts him from under their care, until he shall make satisfaction, and appoints Thomas Greene and Jabez Wing to inform him of his denial, and right of appeal: and draw a testimony of his denial, and report to next monthly mtg.

The friends to visit Jeremiah Wilkinson, Report that they have visited him, and think best that friends wait longer on him, Therefore said com.tee is continued to further visit him, and report to next monthly mtg.

Benjamin Arnold report that he read the minute respecting Isaac Barker according to appointment.

Jabez Wing report that he read the minute respecting John Harris according to appointment

Hosea Farnum Reports that he has been informed that the paper from Nathan Harkness was read at Rich[illegible] and according to appointment.

Smithfield upper house preparative meeting informing that Ezekiel Comstock one of our overseers of the poor is of late deceased. Therefore this meeting appoints Jonathan Mowry to supply that place. And as he was also an Auditor, Jacob Arnold is appointed to supply that place.

Our monthly meeting of friends held at Smithfield the 28th of the 8th month 1777. The meeting being convened the representatives appearing from the preparatives are From Smithfield upper House, Adam Harkness & Seth Sheldon

From Uxbridge Thomas Owen, and Benjamin Gaskill.

From Smithfield Lower house Samuel Arnold, and Augustus Lapham

The friends to treat with Jazaniah Barrett, on acc.t of his requesting the care of friends, report that they have had an opportunity with him & apprehend his motive to be sincere, and think it may be best that friends grant his request. Therefore he is accepted a member of this meeting.

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William Buffum makes report that he read the paper from Jacob Bartlet according to appointment.

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Two of the Comtee appointed to treat with Paul Ulrich for his misconduct and Labour with him for his recovery, report, that they have had an opportunity with him and that he appears insensable of the greatness of his offence, and his mind much alineated from friends and truth; wherefore this meeting disown unity with him as a member; and appoints our friends David Farnum, and Jonathan Gaskill, to draw a testimony of his deniel, and acquaint him therewith, and of his right of appeal therefrom; and report to next monthly meeting.

The Epistle from our last Quarterly meeting, with the transcrips & Extracts therein mentioned, also a copy an Epistle from Flushing Yearly meeting to ours; were read to good satisfaction.

In regard to the money to be raised for yearly meeting stock in the above mentioned Extracts: It is recommended to the several preparative meetgs to contribute in their freedom; and send to our next monthly meeting.

The womens meeting inform that they have disowned Ann Tilson (wife of Luke) and Sarah Trask (wife of Ebenezer), and Recevd. Lydia Tillinghast (wife of Joseph).

Seth Gifford and Elm Farnum appeared in this meeting and declared their intentions of taking each other in marriage. And Daviad Farnum & Lawrance Southwick Junr. are appointed to inquire into this clearness in that respect, & report to next mthly mgt.

Thomas Lapham Junr, report that the paper from Benja Smith has been read at the Lower meeting house, and at Providence.

David Farnum & Richard Mowry, reports, that they read the papers assignd them according to the appointment of last monthly meeting.

The friends who desired the matter respecting Jeremiah Howland to be referred in order to visit him, mention that they do not desire that matter to be refered any longer. Therefore the Testimony of his deniel with some alterations, and approved of and signd by the Clerks. and Thomas Steere is desired to inform him of said Testimony, and read the same at Scituate at the close of a first day meeting. and report to next monthly meeting.

The friends to assist the women in visiting Allice Sprague. Report as follows. We have visited Allice Sprague on acct. of her children, and do not find but that they may be accepted under the care of friends, Jabez Wing, George Comstock Ruth Southwick, Anna Wing Mary Lapham, which report is accepted, and the childrens names are Phebe, Amey, and Hosea.

The friends appointed Report that they have informd. Joseph Gaskill according to appointmt. and the Testimony of his deniel was being read is approved of & signd by the Clerk.

The friends appointed, Report that they have informed Mahel Harris according to appointment, and the Testimony of his deniel being read and approved of was signd by the Clk. and Lodged on file. The friends appointed to labour with Jeremiah Wilkinson report, that they have again visited him, and find no Incouragement of his making.

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Satisfaction for this matter complaind of, and this meeting being inform'd that he has sundry times attended meetings appointed by one who hath been disowned by friends for which causes this meeting disowns unity with him as a member, and appoints Benj.a Arnold and Augustus Lapham to draw a testimony of his deniel and acquaint him therewith, and his right of appeal, therefrom and make return to next mo'ly meet'g.

Smithfield upper house prepar.ve meeting informing that there is a prospect of inlaging the burying ground at this House, Whereupon Wm. Buffum Thomas Steere and Sam.ll Aldrich are appointed to purchase the same if to be had reasonably, and report to the next monthly meeting when finished.

This meeting appoints Benedict Arnold to the place of an overseer of the poor.

George Comstock is appointed to read the Testimony of Abner Chase and Richard Estes Jun.r's deniels at this house. And Thomas Steere to read the the Testimonies of George Howland and Charles Harris's deniels at Scituate.

And George Arnold to read the Testimony of George Smith Jun.r deniel at Mendon.

And Robert Wilkinson to read the Testimony of Luke Tilton's deniel at this house

And Moses Farnum to read the Testimony of Jesse Darling's deniel at Uxbridge all to be read at the close of Publick meetings as usual in such cases, and report to be made to next monthly meeting.

It having been proposed in last monthly meeting to appoint Adam Harkness to the place of an Elder, and then left for consideration and now being again mentioned, this meeting approves of the same, and appoints him in that station, and directs the same to be inserted in the next acc.t to the Quarterly meet'g.

It having been mentioned in this meeting that our friend Elisabeth Southwick is desirious to visit going to the Oblong, and Nine partners to visit her relations, upon considering the matter we consent to her taking the Jorney - if such friends as are suitable appears free to accompany her - the same was sign.d by the men's and womens Clerks

At our monthly meeting of friends held at Smithfield the 25th day of the 9th month 1777. The meeting being convened the Reprsent.ve appear'g from the prepar.ve meetings are. From Smithfield upper house Jabez Wing, & Seth Killey.

From Uxbridge Moses Farnum & Joseph Mosher.

From Smithfield Lower house, David Steere and Caleb Greene.

This meeting is inform.d that David Farnum and Jonath Gaskill hath fulfilled their appointment, respecting Paul Aldrich and the Testimony of his deniel was read approved of and sign.d by the Clerk and loged on file.

The friends to inquire into the clearness of Seth Gifford respecting marriage Report that they find nothing to hender his proceeding in marriage with Ann Farnum

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9th mo. and they appeared in this meeting and received their answer in order for marriage our friends, David Farnum & Lawrance Southwick are appointed to see the same consumated and report to next monthly meeting.

Thomas Holder and Sarah Gaskill appeared, and declared their intentions of taking each other in marriage, whereupon Daniel Aldrich & Moses Farnum are appointed to inquire into his clearness in that respect, and report to next monthly meeting.

Thomas Steere not having fulfilled his appointment respecting Jeremiah Howland, he is desired to compleat the same, and report to next monthly meeting.

The friends appointed respecting Jeremiah Wilkinson, Report that they have fulfilled their appointment; and the testimony of his denial being read is approved of & sign.d by the Clerk, and lodged on file.

George Comstock, Thomas Steere, George Arnold, Robert Wilkinson & Moses Farnum Report that they have ~~fulfilled~~ read the several testimonies of denials according to the directions of last monthly meeting. Except that above mentioned of Jeremiah Howland's.

The womens meeting inform that they have accepted Abigail Arnold (daughter of Jonathan) a member of our society.

George Smith & his Wife, informing this meeting that they are desirous to visit their relations at the Oblong, and Nine partners of which this meeting approves, and directs the clerk to give them a copy of this minute.

Our friend Daniel Cass mentioned in this meeting that he is desirous to visit his relations at the Nine partners, of which this meeting approves, and orders the Clerk to give him a copy of this minute.

The Queries and answers from the several prepar.ve meetings, with general answers collected there from, were read and the general Answers were inserted in the acct. to the Quarterly meeting a copy of which is lodge on file.

At our monthly meeting of friends held at Smithfield the 30th day of the 10th month 1777. The meeting being convened the represen.ves appeared from the preparative meetings are from Smithfield upper house, Elisha Thornton, & George Comstock.
From Uxbridge Moses Farnum, and Jon.a Gaskill.
From Smithfield lower house, Daniel Anthony & Rufus Smith.
The Epistle from our last Quarterly meeting was read to our satisfaction.

Isaac Mann, and Gideon Mann of Richmond, who requested the care of friends at Uxbridge prepar.ve meet.g, appearing in this meeting and still requesting the same, our friends Joseph Mitchell, Daniel Aldrich, Elisha Thornton, Moses Farnum & Job Scott, are appointed to take a solid opportunity with them concerning the motive of their request and suitableness of being received under the care of friends, and report to next monthly meeting.

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The friends appointed to see the marriage of Seth Gifford and Ann Farnum consummated, Report that according to their observation it was conducted orderly.

The friends to inquire into the clearness of Thomas Holder, report that they have made inquiry, and dont find but he may proceed in marriage with Sarah Gaskill and they appeared in this meeting, and received their answer in order for marriage and Daniel Aldrich and Moses Farnum, are appointed to see the same consummated, and report to next monthly meetg.

Jeremiah Wilkinson the 2d. and Elisabeth Southwick daughter of Daniel, now living appeared in this meeting, and declared their intentions of taking each other in marriage. Thereupon our friends Benja. Arnold and Ozeil Wilkinson are appointed to inquire into his clearness, in that respect, and report to next monthly meetg.

Smithfield upper house prepar.ve meeting inform that they have raised £1.10s.6d. for the use of this meeting, the same is ordered to be put into the Treasury

Thomas Steere reports that he hath not fulfilled his appointment respecting Jeremiah Howland, occasioned by his loosing his pocket book, with the Testimony therein. Therefore, That matter is referd. to next mthly meetg. to see if the testimony may be found.

As there is some expence arose by the finishing this meeting house, and the lower meeting house now being repairing, and cost arising for the Poor. This meeting concludes to raise 100 pounds for said Services, and Recommends to the several prepar.ve meetings, to contribute in their freedom and send to the Treasurer of this meeting as soon as may be.

Thomas Lapham Junr. Clerk

At our monthly meeting of Friends held at Smithfield the 27th day of the 11th month, 1777. The meeting being convened the represen.tes from the prepar.ve meetings are

From Smithfield upper house Adam Harkness, and David Buffum.

From Uxbridge Samuel Fowler, and Jadediah Buffum.

From Smithfield lower house Thomas Steere, & Thomas Lapham Junr.

David Wadsworth, Abraham Randall, and Abner Twitchell who requested the care of friends at Uxbridge prepar.ve meeting appearing in this meeting and still requesting the same, our friends, Samuel Aldrich, Moses Farnum, Daniel Aldrich David Farnum, and David Buffum, are appointed to take a solid opportunity with them concerning the motive of their request, and suitableness of being received under the care of friends. and Report to next monthly meeting.

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11th mo. Benjamin Arnold, and Oziel Wilkinson, report that agreable to appointment they have made inquiry and find nothing to hender Jeremiah Wilkinson the 2d from proceeding in marriage with Elisabeth Southwick, and they appeared in this meeting and received their answer in order for marriage, and George Smith and Oziel Wilkinson, are appointed to see the same consumated and report to next mo ly meetg.

The comtee respecting the request of Asa Mann, and Gideon Mann, report that they have had an opportunity with them, and think best for the same to be refered, Therefore it is continued under the care of the same Comtee for further opportunity and they to report to this meeting in the 2d month next.

Moses Farnum, Reports, that agreeable to appointment he attended the marriage of Thomas Holder, and it appeared to be consumated orderly. Daniel Aldrich being unwell did not attend.

Thomas Shere, reports that he hath not found, the Testimony of Jeremiah Howlands deniel. Therefore Oziel Wilkinson & Augustus Lapham are appointed to draw another Testimony and bring to next monthly meeting.

A minute of this meeting in the 2d mo. 1776 was read wherein the matter of Ananias Mowry Junrs. Children being taking under the care of friends, was referd. to see how they should be brot. forward in the way of Truth, which being now again considered this meeting appoints, Oziel Wilkinson, Wm. Bassett, ~~and~~ Wm. Buffum and Moses Farnum, to visit the Family and report to next monthly meeting what they think best to be done in that matter.

As our friend Ezekiel Comstock who was one of the School Comtee is Deceased this meeting appoints George Comstock to supply his place. Tho. Lapham Jnnr. Clerk

At our Monthly meeting of friends held at Smithfield the 25th of the 12th month 1777 The meeting being convened the representees from the preparative meetings are from Smithfield Upper house Joseph Comstock & George Smith. From Uxbridge Daniel Aldrich & Sam. Fowler. From Smithfld lower House, O Wilkinson C Greene

The Comtee to take an opportunity with Abraham Randall, David Wadsworth and Abner Twichell, Report, that they have taken an opportunity with them, and think it best that David Wadsworth, be received under the care of friends, and that the other two be further waited on & visited. Therefore this meeting accepts David Wadsworth ~~[illegible]~~ under the care of friends and the Comtee is continued to further visit the other two, and to make report in the 2d month next.

George Smith, and Oziel Wilkinson, report that they attended the marriage of Jeremiah Wilkinson the 2d and it appeared to be conducted in an orderly manner, ~~and~~ nevertheless it was their Judgment that too many attended at the marriage dinner, which this meeting desires friends to discourage for the future.

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The Comtee to visit Ananias Mowry Junr's family, respecting his Children, report that they have visited them, and think it may be best that they be received under the care of friends, But as there are several of the Children females this meeting concludes to consult the womens meeting — and therefore refers the same to next monthly meeting —

George Southwick (son of Jonathan) and Lydia Serjeant appeared in this meeting and declared their intentions of taking each other in marriage. Whereupon this meeting appoints George Comstock, and Jacob Arnold to inquire into his clearness in that respect — and report to next monthly meeting —

A Certificate for Nathan Cass to Ninepartner monthly meeting was concluded on & signd by the Clerk & lodged on file —

The meeting Adjourns to the 10th hour to morrow —

26th day met by Adjournment Smithfield Lower house preparative meeting informing that Jonathan Southwick of Scituate hath of late much neglected to attend our meetings — and to keep to plainness, and to instruct his children therein, and several friends having endeavoured to get an opportunity with him, which he evaded (as was supposed) by going away, whereupon this meeting appoints Zabez Wing, David Steere, and Elisha Thornton, to endeavour to visit ~~him~~ and labour with him on acct of said neglects, in order to stir him up to his duty there in — and Report to next monthly meeting

August Lapham presented a Testimony of Jeremiah Howlands deniel, which being read and some alteration made was approved of and signd by the Clerk and lodged on file — and Elisha Thornton is appointed to read the same at Scituate, and report to next monthly meetg —

A Certificate from Sandwich monthly meeting dated the 1st day of the 8th mo last recommending Caleb Brayley to the care of this meeting was read and accepted

The Queries with the Answers from the preparve meetings and general answers composed there from, were read, and the general answers were inserted in the acct to the Quarterly meeting which was signd by the Clerk, and a copy lodged on file,

Some friends mentioning in this meeting that the meeting house lot at Leinster wants clearing up, and fencing, where upon our friends Samuel Aldrich Moses Farnum Daniel Aldrich and Elisha Thornton, are appointed to view said Lot and report in writing to this meeting with in three months what they think best to be done respectg it

The time of the overseers appointment being several months relapsed, and the meeting thinking best not to proceed to a reappointment at this time Do desire the overseers to take the necessary care till next monthly meeting —

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It appearing that the money ordered to be raised two months past is not Sufficient to discharge the meetings debts. Therefore this meeting concludes to raise 200 pounds, and recommends to the preparative meetings to contribute in their freedom, and send to our treasurer as soon as may.

The other Business that remains unfinished of this meeting is refered to next m^o^ly meeting.

Thomas Lapham Junr Clerk

At our monthly meeting of Friends held at Smithfield the 29th day of the 1st m^o^ 1778. The meeting being convened the Representatives appearing from the prepar^ve^ meetings are From Smithfield upper house Jabez Wing & William Buffum.

From Uxbridge Moses Farnum, and David Farnum.

From Smithfield lower house Moses Brown & Rufus Smith.

A Certificate from Newport monthly meeting dated the 30th of the 9th month last recommending Nicholas Easton (son of John Easton deceased) to the care of this meet^g^ was read and accepted.

The Epistle from the last Quarterly meeting was read to good satisfaction.

A Paper of acknowledgment from Rufus Smith of Gloucester was read and accepted and George Comstock is desired to see that the same be read at the close of a meeting at this house and at Elisabeth Udrich's and return the said paper of acknowledgm^t^ to next monthly meeting to be lodged on file.

The matter respecting Ananias Mowry Junr's Children, was again considered, and the women's meeting informing that they have by a Com^ee^ visited the family, and find nothing to hender said children from being taken under the care of friends. Therefore they are accepted under the care of this meeting, whose names are Enos, Elisabeth, Ananias, Abigail, and Ruth.

David Farnum is desired to read the Testimony of Moses Buffum deniet at the Close of a meet^g^ at Uxbridge, and at Richmond. Benj^a^ Arnold to read that of Jeremiah Wilkinson's at Smithfield lower House. Jabez Wing to read that of Asahel Harris's at Scituate. Joseph Wing to read that of Paul Udrich's at Richmond, and George Smith to read that of Joseph Gaskill at his own house at the Close of a meeting. and all to make return to next m^o^ly meeting.

George Comstock, and Jacob Arnold, report that they have made Inquiry and find nothing to hender George Southwick from proceeding in marriage with Lydia Serjeant and they appeared in this meeting, and received their answer in order for marriage, and George Comstock, and Jacob Arnold, are appointed to see the same consumated, and report to next monthly meeting.

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The Comtee to Labour with Jonathan Southwick, not having all had an opportunity with him, are continued for said Service and to report to next m.ly meet.g

Elisha Thornton reports that he read the Testimony of Peremiah Howland

Daniel according to appointment.

The matter refer.d to this meeting respecting appointing overseers, was considered and our friends George Smith, George Comstock, William Buffum, and David Farnum, are appointed overseers in this meeting. The meeting being somewhat small by reason of its being a Stormy day, It is recommended to next m.ly meeting to make an addition.

The greatest part of friends at Richmond making request in writing that a meeting house might be built there, whereupon this meeting appoints Samuel Aldrich Moses Farnum, Daniel Aldrich, David Farnum, & David Buffum, to make a visit to friends there, and confer with them on the subject, and Report to next monthly meeting, what they think best to be done.

Thomas Lapham Jun.r Clk

At our monthly meeting of friends held at Smithfield the 26th day of the 2th month 1778. The meeting being convened the represent.ves appearing from the prepar.ve meetings, are From Smithfield Upper house Joseph Comstock & Jacob Arnold.

From Uxbridge Benj.a Gaskill and Joseph Mosher.

From Smithfield Lower house, David Steere and Amasa Gray.

George Crane, who requested the care of friends at Uxbridge preparve meeting appeared in this meeting and still requesting the same, our friends Joseph Mitchell George Smith Moses Farnum, Elisha Thornton, and Augustus Lapham are appointed to take a Solid opportunity with him concerning the motive of his request, and suitableness of being receiv.d under the care of fits and report to next monthly meeting.

The womens Quarterly meeting Epistle, was read in this meeting which appeared to be a very savoury one.

Elisabeth Southwick return.d the Certificate she had in the 8th month last, and produced a Certificate from the monthly meeting at the Nine partners Signifying her orderly life and Conversation while among them, which was read to satisfaction.

George Comstock David Farnum, Benj.a Arnold Jabez Wing & George Smith Report that they read the several papers according to appointment, and several friends Inform that the paper comtitled to the care of Joseph Wing was read at the place appointed.

George

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2d mo. George Comstock, and Jacob Arnold report that the marriage of George Southwick was consumated in an orderly manner, unless it was in some's moving to and from the fire in the time of the signing the Certificate. 173

Jabez Wing informs that the Comtee to visit Jonathan Southwick, have not all had an opportunity with him, since last monthly meeting by reason that some of them have been a journey. Therefore they are desired to fulfil the appointment and report to next monthly meeting.

The matter of Choosing more overseers, is again Referd to next monthly meetg.

Most of Comtees appointed Report that they have had an opportunity with Gideon and Asa Mann, Abraham Randal, and Abner Switchell, who have requested the care of friends and it appears best to them that the same be refered for consideration. Therefore it is referd under the care of the said Comtee for further opportunity with them, and report to this meeting in the 6th month next or sooner if they think best.

The friends to consider of the request for a meeting house to be built at Richmond Report that they have been there, and considered the circumstances and think it best that one be built upon a peice of land belonging to Jedadiah Buffum near Gideon Mans, on the west side of the road, he the said Jedadiah concluded to deed four acres at that place to friends for a burying place and meeting house lot. friends first paying him 50f hard money, as purchase money for part of said land.

And that the House be built 32 feet long and 24 feet wide and two story high. The report is accepted, and friends at Richmond desired to be procuring necessarys for the same. and to inform next monthly meeting how they proceed.

The same friends having taken further opportunity with Joseph Cass who divers years ago married out of the order of friends, Report that his case appeared dark and gloomy and hardly had a sense of his own state as they feared thinking himself in a better condition then he appeared to them to be in. Yet the same is continued under the care of the same comtee and they to report to this meeting in the 6th month next, or sooner if they think best.

Josiah Shove informd this meetg by way of Uxbridge preparve meeting that he desired a Certificate to the monthly meeting at Seabrook, signifying his clearness in respect of marriage engagements among us. Thereupon our friends Elisha Thornton & Willm Buffum are appointed to make the necessary inquiry, and report to next monthly meeting.

The friends appointd respectg the meeting house Lot at Leicester made report which is accepted and is as follows.

We being appointed to inspect and settle the matter about the meeting house lot at Leicester, have gone into the matter, and give it as our judgment that Gardner Earll have the improvement of about one acre

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Here are one and an half, bounded as followeth, to begin at the west end of the lot near the End of a small peice of wall thence running Easterly a few Rods, to a Chesnut stump with stones on it, thence runing southerly or south easterly near the edge of the hard land to a small hemlock stand near the fence: and to Include what lies south, and west from said lines in said lot he the said Gardner to have it five years from this time for what he has done upon it, and what he is to do more, which is to fence this peice from the rest of the lot, Ditch and water this peice of land well, and yearly carry on as much manure, as the hay cut upon it will make and at the end of said term he to resign it to friends with the fence thereon

the 2d mo 1778. Moses Farnum Samuel Aldrich Danl Aldrich

The Auditors having Auditted most of the meetings Debts, made Report as follows — Smithfield 30th 1st month 1778 —

Then Audited William Buffum's Acct as Treasurer with the monthly meeting, which is now Ballanced, the same not Including the two last subscriptions for 100 & 200 £ and we are informed there is several smaller subscriptions not fully paid in, and several demands not yet Audited

Wherefore we cannot Assertain the Meetings debts, but beleive from the Acct now Auditted, and what we are informed the poor have been supplied with, that there will be as much as £200 Due from the meetg after the whole of the two last subscriptions, Directed to be made are paid in —

Note after the Treasurers Acts were Audited & the Comtee for Repairing & finishing the Old meetg house, Acts were settled and allowd the Treasurer gave to Moses Brown for the use of the Heirs of Daniel Marsh Deceasd a Note for £150 also one to himself for £71..3..9¼ — and one to Benj Arnold for £89..1..6½ L M, all on interest, being the Ballance due to them —

Moses Brown
Jacob Arnold,
George Arnold,
} Audit

Accts for finishing Lower Meetg House	£386..15..6
Do for upper besides what is Included in the Treasurers Acct settled,	14..0..0
	£400..15..6

Whereupon this meeting recommends to the several preparative meetgs to contribute in their freedom for discharging the same, and send an acct to next monthly meetg

Thomas Lapham Junr Clerk

1778. At our Monthly meeting held at Smithfield the 26th day of the 3d month 1778. The meeting being convened the Repr. appearing for the Prepar. meetg. are From Smithfield Upper house Jabez Wing and Adam Harkness Junr.

From Uxbridge Benedict Arnold, and Joseph Aldrich.

From Smithfield Lower house, Benjamin Arnold, and Thomas Steere.

The Comtee to take an opportunity with George Crane report that they have had an opportunity with him, and think it best that he be received under the care of friends, Therefore he is accepted a member of this meeting.

An Epistle from our meetings for sufferings held at Providence the 9th & 10th days of this present month, was read to satisfaction.

The friends to Labour with Jonathan Southwick report, that they have endeavoured to get an opportunity ~~with him~~ by sending a letter to him, desiring him to meet them but he not meeting them they sent to his house, and were informed that he received the letter, and was gone from home. Therefore as they have all seen him and labour, with him since their appointment and he gave little if any hopes of coming up in the discharge of his duty, respecting the matters complained of &c. This meeting concluding ~~that~~ that it will not be useful to continue him a member any longer. Do hereby put him from under the care of our society, until he makes satisfaction and John Walker & David Steere are appointed to inform him of his deniel, and right of appeal, and draw a Testimony of his deniel, and make return to next monthly meeting.

The matter of making an addition to our overseers is again refd. to next mly meetg.

No friend being here from Richmond to inform how they have proceeded in providing materials to build the meeting house there. They are desired to inform next mly meetg.

The prepar. meetings sending no acct. of Raising money as desired, are still requested to send an acct. to next monthly meeting.

The friends to Inquire into Josiah Stowe's clearness in respect of marriage, report that they find nothing but that he is clear in that respect among us. There upon this meeting gave a Certificate to the monthly meeting at Seabrook, signifying the same, which was signd. by the Clerk.

A letter respecting John & Silvia Allen, directed to Sandwich mly meeting was concluded on, and signd. by the Clerk.

This meeting being informd. that Nathaniel Southwick hath gone to Bolton to live do appoint our friends Moses Farnum & Elisha Thornton to inquire ~~[illegible]~~ into that matter, and if necessary provide a Certificate, and bring to next mly mgt.

Thomas Lapham Junr. is desired to provide a Certificate for Buffum Steade, and bring to next monthly meeting.

This

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This meeting being inform.d that Bathsheba Wilcox requests the care of friends for her Children whose names are Williard Wilbur William Elisabeth Augustus Mary, and Phebe Wilcox. Thereupon our friends Jabez Wing Daniel Aldrich, and Elisha Thornton are appointed to Joyn a com.tee from the womens meeting and visit the family, and report to next monthly meeting what they think best to be done respecting said request.

Smithfield Lower house prepar.ve meeting informing that Samuel Houlton (son of Samuel of Scituate) hath some time past listed as a soldier and been into the Army. Thereupon this meeting appoints Joseph Comstock, & Benj.a Gaskill to Labour with him for the same, and report to this meeting in the 5th m.o next or sooner if necessary.

This meeting being inform.d that Elihu Bowen hath the [illegible] of moving to Hoosick and desires friends advice therein, and Thomas Steere, Jabez Wing and Seth Kelley are appointed to inquire into his circumstances and report to next monthly meeting what ~~they~~ advice they think best to be given.

This meeting with the concurrence of the womens meeting have appointed Abigail Harris to the place of an Elder.

An Epistle to the Quarterly meeting was concluded on and sign.d by the Clerk.

Thomas Lapham Jun.r Clerk

At our monthly meeting of friends held at Smithfield the 30th day 4th month 1778. The meeting being convened the representatives from the prepar.ve meetings are From Smithfield Upper house are Elisha Thornton and Ananias Mowry Jun.r. From Uxbridge Samuel Fowler & Benjamin Gaskill. From Smithfield Lower House Thomas Steere & Oziel Wilkinson.

A Certificate from Rhode Island Monthly Meeting dated 1st m.o 1778 Recommending John Earll to the care of this meet.g was read and accepted.

The Epistle from our last Quarterly meeting was read to good satisfaction.

The paper of Acknowledgment from Aaron Aldrich son of Jacob sent to this meet.g in the 7th month last, and then Lodged for consideration, being now read, this meeting appoints Moses Farnum, Elisha Thornton & Lawrance Southwick Jun.r to take an opportunity with him, and report to next monthly meeting what they think best to be done respecting him.

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4th m.o The friends appointed respecting Jon.a Southwick, not having compleated the appointm.t, are desired to fulfill the same, and report to next monthly meeting.

The matter of making an addition of overseers is again refer.d to next m.ly meeting.

Richmond friends not having sent an acc.t how they proceed in providing materials for the meeting house to be built there, They are desired to send an acc.t to next monthly meeting.

Smithfield Upper house prepar.ve meeting informing that they have subscribed £53..16..6. in paper, and in Silver — — — — — £1..4..10

And Smithfield Lower house Inform that they have subscribed the value of £70..16 paper towards the 200 pounds ordered to be raised in the second month last.

Uxbridge by reason of a funeral being the afternoon of there prepar.ve meeting day, have not subscribed any. Therefore they are desired to subscribe, and send to next monthly meeting.

The friends appointed respecting Nathaniel Southwick, not having fulfilled the appointment, are desired to compleat the same, and report to next monthly meet.g

The friends appointed on the request of Bathshaba Wilcox, respecting her Children's being taken under the care of friends, made report in writing — the same is refer.d for Consideration, and the matter to be under the notice of said friends, and they to report to this meeting in the 7th month or sooner if now [illegible].

Buffum Sleade's Certificate sent from Swanzy to us dated in the 6th m.o 1776 being now read, and as he is return.d to Swanzey — this meeting indorsed a few lines on the back thereof, recommending him back again, the same was sign by the Clk.

Antepas Earll is added to the Com.tee appointed last Month to labour with Samuel Howland.

The friends to advise Elihu Bowen Respecting moving to Hoosuck report that they understand he has concluded not to move at present.

Smithfield Upper house prepar.ve meeting informing that Joseph Allen hath nearly or altogether neglected the attendance of our meetings for discipline for several years past, as also much neglected to attend meetings for worship, Thereupon this meeting appoints Thomas Steere Benj.a Arnold Adam Harkness, and Jabez Wing to Labour with him for his recovery, and report to next m.ly meet.g

Richard Estes and Hannah Aldrich appeared in this meeting and declared their intentions of taking each other in marriage, Whereupon our friends George Smith and Seth Killey, are appointed to inquire into his clearness in that respect, and Report to next monthly meeting.

Jacob

1778 4th m. 178 Jacob Southwick and Sarah Fowler appeared in this meeting and declared their intentions of taking each other in marriage whereupon our friends Elisha Thornton and Elisha Arnold are appointed to inquire into his clearness in that respect and report to next monthly meeting.

This meeting being inform^d that John Pope is removed to Concord, in the verge of Salem monthly meeting, and desires a Certificate. Therefore we appoint George Arnold George Comstock, and Jacob Arnold to Inquire how he has settled his affairs and prepare a Certificate and bring to next m^ly meet^g

Thomas Lapham Junr Clk

At our Monthly meeting of friends held at Smithfield the 28th 5th month 1778. The meeting being convened, the Rep^ts appearing from the prepar^ve meetings are, From Smithfield Upper house, Jabez Wing & Seth Killey.

From Uxbridge Daniel Aldrich, and Joseph Mosher.

From Smithfield Lower House Caleb Greene, & Oziel Wilkinson.

Joseph Randall of North Providence, who requested the care of friends at the Lower house prepar^ve meet^g, appearing in this meet^g, and still request^g the same, our friends Moses Farnum, George Comstock, Job Scott, and Thomas Lapham Junr are appointed to take a solid opportunity with him concerning the motive of his request, and suitableness of being received a member of our society, and report to next monthly meeting.

Uxbridge prepar^ve meeting informing that they have subscribed £41..8..0. for this meet^g use one pound 12/ thereof in silver, Wherefore it appears the 200 £. directed to be raised by the prepar^ve meetings, is not all subscribed they are desired to resubscribe, and send an acc^t to next m^ly meet^g.

The friends appointed last month respecting Aaron Aldrich, not being ready to report, are desired to report to next monthly meeting.

The friends appointed respect^g Jonathan Southwick report that they have fulfilled the same, and the Testimony of his denial being read approved of and sign^d by the Clerk, and lodged on file.

The matter of making an Addition of overseers, was again considered, and our friends John Walker, Joseph Mosher & Benj^a Arnold, are appointed to that place.

No friend being here from Richmond this meeting refers that Matter respecting building a meeting House there, till we receive an acc^t from them.

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5th m.o The womes meeting inform that they have, accepted Amey Harris, a member of our society, of which this meeting approves —

The friends to Labourm with Joseph Allen report that they have visited and labour'd with him and think it best that the matter be continued. Therefore the same is refer'd till next 7th month, under the care of the same friends — they then to report —

The friends to inquire into the clearness of Richard Eyles report that they find nothing to hender his proceeding in marriage with Hannah Aldrich, and they appeared in this meeting and received their answer in order for marriage — and our friends Jabez Wing and Joseph Comstock are appointed to see the same consumated — and report to next monthly meeting —

The friends to inquire into the clearness of Jacob Southwick respecting marriage — report that they by inquiry, don't find any thing to hinder his proceeding in marriage with Sarah Fowler — and they appeared in this meeting and received their answer in order for marriage, and our friends Samuel Aldrich & Daniel Aldrich are appointed to see the same consumated, and Report to next monthly meeting —

A Certificate for Nathaniel Southwick who is removed to Bolton recommending him to Salem monthly meeting was read approved of & Sign'd by the Clerk —

William Bassett and Margery White appeared in this meeting and declared their intentions of taking each other in marriage — Whereupon this meeting appoints Thomas Steere and Elihu Bowen to inquire into his clearness in that respect — and report to next monthly meeting —

Jonathan Hart and Experience Wing appeared in this meeting and declared their intentions of taking each other in marriage Whereupon our friends George Arnold and Jon^a Arnold, are appointed to inquire into his Clearness in that respect, and report to next monthly meeting —

John Pope having moved to concord this meeting gave a Certificate recommending him Wife and children to the care of Salem monthly meeting from which he came about three years since which was sign'd by the Clerk of this & the women's meeting —

Joseph Comstock makes report that he with Antepas Earll hath visited Samuel Howland son of Samuel of Scituate and that he confesses he hath been a soldier in the war as complained of — and did not appear in a disposition to make satisfaction for his action so contrary to our profession — Therefore this meeting puts him from under the care of our society until he shall make satisfaction for his said conduct — which we desire he may, and John Wacker is desired to Inform him of the above minute and read a copy thereof, at the close of a meeting at Scituate — and report to next monthly meeting —

The following acc^t was presented by the Com^tee to collect Sufferings which was read and a Copy ordered to be transmitted to the meeting for sufferings

An Acc.t of Friends Sufferings belonging to Smithfl.d W.ly Meeting

Dates 1777	day	whome taken from	By whome taken	thing taken	what taken for	Demand		Value		taken
						L.	S.	L.		
6th		Thomas Lapham Jun.r	By Elihu Read Town Serjeant Warrant from D. Mowry Council Clerk	One Cow	for 15 days non attendance as a Soldier	2	8	11		
11	18	Ditto	by ~~Warrant~~ Eli Read Town Serjeant Warrant from Ditto	Three good Cows	for one months ditto	27	0	45	0	
6	20	Daniel Anthony	by Jon.a Pike Town Serj.t	one Heifer	for 15 days ditto	2	4	4	0	
Since		Ditto	by Ditto	one Cow	for non attendance as a Sold.r	12	14	16	0	
7	2d	Augustus Lapham	by Eli Read Town Serj.t	One Cow	For non attendance as a Soldier	2	12	12	12	
7	3d	Sam.ll Arnold	by ditto with Warrant sign.d D. Mowry	One 3 year old heifer forward with Calf	for non attendance of self and two Sons as Soldiers			12	18	
11	18th	Ditto	by Ditto	One yoak Oxen	for non attendance at an Expedition ag.st Rhode Island	36	12	42	0	
7	4	Rufus Smith of Smithfield	by Ditto	One Cow	for non attend.ce as a Soldier	2	12	12	12	
7	5	Benedict Arnold	by Stephen Whipple Town Serj.t Warrant sign.d by Town Clerk	Two Blanckets	for 15 Days ditto	2	2	3	0	
9		David Steere	by Stephen Whipple	One Cow	all on account of Military Requisitions	32	10	47	0	
11		ditto	by ditto	One Cow 1 two & Vantage Bull one yearling heifer						
9	14	James Smith	by ditto Warrant sign.d Chad Brown Colonel	one Heifer	For non attend.ce as a Sold.r	2	8	4	16	
11th	21st	Amasa Gray	by Archibal Yates Clk of a Comp.y War.t from C. Keen Cap.t	Two Large Sides of upper Leather	For 15 days ditto	3	12	9	12	
12		Ananias Mowry	Eli Read Town Serj.t Warr.t from D. Mowry Council Clk	Two firkins Butter	For non attend.ce as Soldier	24	12	39	15	
11	29	Rober Wilkinson	by Eli Read	One Yoak Oxen	for Ditto	24	18	50	0	
11		Ezra Potter		A yearl.g Colt & heifer		16	10	21	0	
11	25	Joseph Bassett	by Eli Read	One Horse	for 1 m.o non atten.do as a Soldier	15		30		
11		Benjamin Phetteplace		2 Cows & 1 yearling heifer	all on acc.t of military Requisitions	36	10	38	14	
before		Ditto		2 Blanckets						
12	1st	Geo. Comstock	by Eli Read Warrant sign.d D. Mowry Council Clk	One Cow & 2 yearling heifers	For non attendance as a Soldier	24	12	30		
11		Jabez Wing	by ditt.o Warr.t from ditto	one Horse	for Ditto	22	10	45		
12th		Joseph Comstock	by Eli Read Warrant from D. Mowry Council Clk	Two Cows	For non attendance as a Soldier	24	some shillings	30		
1778		Jonathan Mowry	by ditto Warrant from Ditto	138 lb of Butter	for ditto	22	10	31	0	
1777 12th		Jacob Arnold	by dit.o Warr.t from ditto	Two Cows	for ditto	24	18	31	12	
1776 12		Ditto	by John Tift Clerk Warr.t from Eben.r Trask Cap.t	one narrow Ax	for Training fines		3	0	5	
1775		Lawrance Southwick Jun.r	by the Select men of Uxbridge	one gun	for War Service			1	10	
1776 11		George Gaskill	Joseph Benson Jun.r Constable of Mendon Warrant from the Assessors	Two quart Bolons	for a Rate to pay for guns ammunition for war			1	0	

Dates month day	whom taken from	by whom taken	Things taken	what taken for	Demand £	s.	Value taken £	s.
1776	Joseph Southwick	by ditto Warrant from ditto	One narrow ax, and one shoe hammer	for ditto				12
1777 11	Thomas Harris	By Joseph Kimbal of Scituate Town Serjt. Warrt. Signd Jno. Wyot Council Clk	One yoak Oxen	for non attendance as a Soldier	30	0	37	
6mo	Joseph Farnum	by Ezekiel Angell member of Assembly	one blanketto	for use of Soldiers			1	4
11	ditto	Eli Read Town Serjt. Warrant Signd. Daniel Mowry Concil Clk.	One Cow and one Silver Watch	for non attendance as a Soldier	22	10	33	
11th	Benjamin Smith	Ditto	One Yoake oxen	for ditto	27		41	10
1776 11	Ebenezer Gaskill	Joseph Benson Jun. Constable of Newton War. from Assessors	One Ax & Two spint Bayonets	for a Rate to pay for guns & ammunition for War			1	12
1777 11	Augustus Lapham	Eli Read Town Serjt. Warrant Signd D. Mowry Council Clerk	One yoak of oxen	for non attendance as a Soldier	27		50	
12	Benjamin Wing	Ditto. Warrant Signd Ditto	One Ditto	for ditto	26	6	34	0
11	Rufus Smith	Ditto Warrant Signd ditto	One Horse	for ditto	27		50	
6	Jonathan Arnold Junr.	Ditto Warrant Signd ditto	One Cow	for ditto	4	16	12	
11	ditto	Ditto Warrt. Signd ditto	One Ox	for ditto			33	
12	2nd James Smith	Stephen Whipple Town Serjt. of Glouester Warant signd Richard Sheare Council Clerk	Money & a Cow	for Ditto	30	7	33	2
1778 2	Amasa Gray	Wm. Compton Town Serjt. of Providence Warrt from Council Clk.	One side of Leather	for ditto	2	8	5	8
2	Caleb Greene	by Martin Simons Sheriff. Warrt. from town Council	One Riding Chaize	for ditto	15		20	
	Ditto	Ethibal Gates Clerk. Warrt. from Charles Keen Captain	2 pr. Large Taylor Shears, 2 Shovels, 1 pair Tongs, 1 pair Bellows	for ditto	3	15	5	16

The afore going Acts. were Collected, and Examined by us; who were appointed by case Monthly meeting for that purpose — Moses Farnum, Job Scott

N B. The substance of said Acts. were sign, by the several sufferers — Except the prices of a few of the things — which they left for us to ascertain, And it is to be noted that the prices are fixed, according as things went in paper currency at the times when taken — Therefore various —

Thomas Lapham Junr Clk.

At our

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At our monthly meeting of friends held at Smithfield the 25th day of the 6th month 1778. The meeting being convened the repre^tes appearg from the Prepar^ve meetgs are From Smithfield Upper house Jacob Arnold & William Buffum

From Uxbridge Benj^a Gaskill, and Benedict Arnold

From Smithfield lower house, Daniel Anthony and Tho Lapham Junr

The friends appointed on the request of Joseph Randall, Report that they have had an opportunity with him, and according to their prospects, think him sincere in his request, and that it may be safe to receive him under the care of friends. Therefore he is accepted a member of our Society

We acc^t from the Prepar^ve meetings respecting their subscribing as desired last month. They are desired to subscribe, & send an acc^t to next monthly meet^g

The Com^tee Respecting Aaron Aldrich Report, that they have had an opportunity with him, and think it best for friends to wait longer on him, Therefore that matter is refer^d under the care of the same Com^tee for further labour, till the 10th month they then to report

The friends appointed to see the marriages of Richard Estes and Jacob Southwick consumated Report, that they were consumated in a good degree orderly.

The friends to inquire into the clearness of William Bassett, Report that they find nothing to hender his proceeding in marriage with Margery White and they appearing in this meeting received their Answer in order for marriage

George Arnold and George Comstock are appointed to see the same consumated and report to next monthly meeting

George Arnold one appointed, Reports that by Inquiry he finds nothing to hender Jonathan Hart from proceeding in marriage with Experience King. They appearing Rec^d their Answer in order for marriage Ananias Mowry Junr and Joseph Comstock are appointed to see the same consumated, and report to next monthly meeting

John Walker reports that he has had no convenient opportunity to Inform Saml Rowland Junr of his deniel, Therefore he is desired to fulfil his appointment and report to next monthly meeting

Four of the Com^tee continued in the 2^d month last to further treat with Abraham Randall & Abner Switchell, Report that they have had further opportunity with them, and think that they are sincere in requesting the care of friends, and that it may be safe for friends to grant the same. Therefore they are accepted members of our Society and David Buffum reports that he with Joseph Mitchell & Elisha Thornton had an opportunity with Gideon Mann, respecting his

Request

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6th m.

Requesting the care of friends, and it appeared to them that he was sincere in this request, and that it may be safe for friends to grant the same, Therefore he is accepted a member of our society. The Com.ee to confer with Asa Mann respecting his requesting the care of friends, report, that they have had no opportunity with him since they reported in the 2d month, Therefore they are continued for said Service, and to report to ~~xxx~~ this meeting in the 9th month.

The friends appointed to treat with Joseph Cass in the 2d month not having had an opportunity with him by reason of the distance, they are continued for said Service and to report to this meeting in the 9th month.

This meeting received a Certificate from Dartmouth monthly meeting recommend.g David Shepherd Wife and children under age whose names are Caleb, Deborah, Gideon, Allen, Elisabeth, and Lydia, to the care of this meeting.

Seth Jenney who was denied in the 5th month 1777, and when he was informed thereof, appeared desirious to make satisfaction upon which friends did not proceed to draw a Testimony of his denial, and the matter having been under the notice of friends, and many having had opportunities with him, and he sending a paper of acknowledgment to this meeting the same being read and considered is received for satisfaction, and this meeting passes by his misconduct, and ~~[illegible]~~ Restores him to a right of membership again.

Smithfield upper house prepar.ve meeting Informing that the Elders have a long time labour.d with Ebenezer Gaskill, respecting his publick appearance in the ministry which having been thought by them unsavoury, and that he has been by them as well as by the select meeting, desired to leave of and discontinue that appearance, which Advice he hath not regarded, Thereupon this meeting appoints, Samuel Fowler, Joseph Comstock Jabez Wing, Benedict Arnold, David Farnum, William Buffum, Samuel Aldrich and Augustus Lapham to treat with him and endeavour that he take the advice of the Elders and select meeting for the future, and report to next monthly meeting.

An Accident to the Quarterly meeting was concluded on and sign.d by the Clerk, and a copy ~~[illegible]~~ kept on file.

Thomas Lapham Jun.r Clerk

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At our Monthly meeting of friends held at Smithfield the 30th day of the 7th month 1778. The meeting being convened the representatives from the preparative meetings are From Smithfield Upper house Joseph Comstock, & David Buffum.

From Uxbridge John Bennett.

From Smithfield Lower house Joseph Mitchell, & Samuel Arnold.

Smith Brown of North Providence who requested the care of friends at the Lower house preparative meeting, appearing in this meeting, and still requesting the same. Our friends David Buffum, Joseph Mitchell, Job Scott and John Holdine are appointed to take a solid opportunity with him concerning the motive of his request, and suitableness of being received under the care of friends, and report to next monthly meeting.

Certificate from Dartmouth monthly meeting dated 26th 4th month last, recommending David Shepherd Junior Wife & Children whose names are Thomas & Reliance to the care of this meeting, was read and accepted.

The Comtee on the request of Bathsheba Wilcox for her children to be taken under the care of friends, report that they have not further visited the family therefore they are desired to fulfil their appointment and report to next monthly meetg.

Certificate from Rhode Island monthly meeting dated 26th 5th mo last recommending David Earll to the care of this meetg was read and accepted.

The friends appointed to Labour with Joseph Allen ~~[illegible]~~, all but one he being unwell, report that they have again visited him and find no encouragment of his making satisfaction, yet as one friend desired it might be deferd the same is referd till next monthly meeting.

The Women's meeting inform that they have received Hannah Geere, Alice Sayles, and Lavina Sayles under the care of our Society. They also inform that Ruth Arnold requests the care of friends for her Children, some of which are male. Thereupon this meeting appoints Rufus Smith, Eziel Wilkinson, and Geo. Comstock, to Joyn a Comtee of Women friends and visit the family, and Report what they think best to be done respecting said request to next mly meeting.

Recd the Epistle from our last Quarter meeting, with the Transcripts and copies therein mentioned which were all read to satisfaction.

And the Testimony mentioned in our last Yearly meetings Epistle respecting the Pamphlet on Taxation, being directed to be read at the close of the monthly meetings, or other meetings where friends may think necessary. Thereupon George Comstock is desired to read the said Testimony at the conclusion of the meeting for worship, next monthly meeting. and if necessary the same is to be read elsewhere by the directions of this mutg.

Smithfield

7th mo. Smithfield Upper house preparative meetg. minute not being present, the sum they have subscribed and for the use of this meeting could not exactly be assertained.

The minute from Uxbridge inform that they have subscribed ... £ 11..15/

and the minute from the lower house, inform that they have subscribed £ 11..16..6.

three shillings and 6d thereof in hard money.

The Comtees to see the marriages of William Bassett, and Jont Hart consumated, report that according to their observation they were consumated orderly.

John Walker reports in writing, that he read the deniel of Samuel Howland Junr. according to appointment. But hath not informd him of his deniel by reason of his being at a distance at the Town of Spencer. Therefore he is desired to inform him the first convenient opportunity, and then to report to this meeting.

The comtee to treat with Ebenezer Gaskill respecting his Publick appearance. Report that they have had an opportunity with him. And as he does not yet comply with the advice given him the said comtee is still desired to further treat with him, and report to next monthly meeting.

Uxbridge preparative meeting informing that Enoch Southwick hath removed into the verge of Salem mo'ly meetg. And desires a Certificate with his clearness respecting marriage inserted therein wherefore George Comstock & David Chaffum Wm Bassett are appointed to inquire into his circumstances in that and other respects, and report to next monthly meeting.

Smithfield lower house preparative meetg. informing that James Marsh who by his own accounts is a member of our society, tho he has not produced a Certificate has hired a man to do millitary duty so called in his steed he having been draughted for that purpose and he having been labourd with, did not give satisfaction. Therefore this meeting appoints Thomas Steere, Sabez Wing, Ozel Wilkinson and Joseph Harris to further Labour with him for his recovery and Report to next mo'ly meeting.

[illegible] Shove who rec. a Certificate in the 3d mo. last to the mo'ly meetg of Seabrook signifying his clearness in respecting of marriage but as the young woman whom he proposed to marry hath been sick he now desires a Certificate dated from this meeting. Therefore this meeting gave one signifying as before he returning the former.

Several of the Comtee to visit those that have married out of the order of friends several years past and have not made Satisfaction. Report that they have visited Edward Howland Several times who did so marry, and think there is but very little if any hopes of his making satisfaction, Therefore this meeting thinks best not to wait longer on him, and hereby disowns unity with him and puts him from under the care of our Society, until he shall make satisfaction for his said conduct, and appoints Elihu Bowen to inform him of his deniel and right of appeal. And Report to next monthly meeting.

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At Our Monthly meeting of friends held at Smithfield the 27th day of the 8th month 1778. The meeting being convened the Repr. appearing from the prepar. mtgs. are From Smithfield Upper house Adam Harkness, & Rufus Smith.

From Uxbridge Thomas Owen, and David Wadsworth.

From Smithfield lower house Joseph Mitchell & David Steere.

The Comtee to take an opportunity with Smith Brown, Report that they have conversed with him and according to their judgment it might be safe to receive him under the care of friends, Therefore he is accepted a member of this meeting.

The Comtee to labour with Joseph Allen all but one reported to last monthly meetg. and that one reported to this meeting the substance of the reports were that he gave no encouragement of making friends satisfaction in the matters complaind of and no friend desiring this meeting to wait longer on him. He is hereby disowned a right of membership among us and put from under the care of our Society until he makes satisfaction and George Smith and Thomas Capham Junr. are appointed to inform him of his deniel and righ of appeal, and draw a Testimony of his Deniel and bring to next monthly meeting.

The on the request of Bathsheba Wilcox for her children to be taken under the care of friends Report, But some friends not being fully satisfied with the Report the Comtee with the addition of Moses Brown Robert Wilkinson, William Buffum & Job Scott, are desired to further visit the family, and report to next monthly meetg.

The womens meeting inform that they have disowned Anna Potter, daughter of Ezra.

The friends appointed on the request of Ruth Arnold for her children to be taken under the care of friends, Report that they have in company with a Comtee from the womens meetg. visited the Family, and think it best that the matter be referd. three months. Therefore it is referd under the care of the same Comtee. they to Report to this meetg. in the 11th month.

The Testimony from our last yearly meeting ~~on Taxation~~ against a Pamphlet on Taxation &c. was read this day at the conclusion of the meetg. for worship.

Several of the Comtee to treat with Ebenezer Gaskill report, that the comtee all but one have had a further opportunity with him and that he appeared much the same as heretofore. Yet as this meeting is desirious to wait as long as may appear useful to Ebenezer the same is referd under the care of the ~~same~~ comtee for further labour and they to report to next mtly meetg.

The friends to labour with James Marsh Report, that they went to Providence to to pay him a visit, but he was gone to Rhode Island. Therefore they are continued for to fulfil their appointment and report to next monthly meeting.

Certificate from Rhode Island Monthly meetg. dated 28th 5th month last for our friend Mary Calender, who proposes to reside some time in the verge of this meetg. was read to satisfaction.

Uxbridge

8th mo. Uxbridge Prepar.ve meeting informing that Theophilus Southwick is in the practice of courtship with one not of our society, and that he hath been much laboured with on that acct. without effect. Therefore this meeting appoints Thomas Steere, Moses Brown and Jabez Wing to further labour with him for his recovery — and Report to next monthly meetg. —

— Smithfield lower house prepar.ve meeting informing that John Walker, son of Rhm. hath contracted and consumated marriage out of the order of friends with one not a member of our society. Therefore this meeting appoints Moses Farnum, Daniel Aldrich and Samuel Aldrich to labour with him for his recovery, and report to next monthly meeting. —

— The friends appointed, report that they have inquired into the Circumstances of Enoch Southwick and don't find but that he is clear of any marriage engagements among us; and that his outward affairs are well settled, for what appears. Therefore this meetg. gave a Certificate to Salem monthly meeting, signifying the same, which was sign.d by the Clerk. —

— Elihu Bowen Reports that he hath informed Edward Houland according to appointment.

— The acct. from Smithfield upper house prepar.ve meeting informing that they ~~have~~ subscribed £14..18..0.. before last monthly meeting, and one pound & 9/ since for the use of this meeting. —

— By a Letter from Benjamin Lapham it appears he is desirous to make friends satisfaction on the acct. of the matter he was disowned for. There upon this meeting appoints Moses Farnum, Wm. Buffum and Daniel Anthony to correspond with him, and the monthly meeting at Horsuck, to find more fully the state of his mind and his life and conversation when he lives and report to this meeting as soon as may be convenient. —

Tho Lapham Junr. Clerk,

At Our monthly meeting of friends held at Smithfield the 24th. of the 9th month 1778. The meeting being convened the Repres.ves from the prepar.ve meeting are

From Smithfield upper house Seth Killey, and Adam Harkness Junr.

From Uxbridge Daniel Aldrich, and Antepas Earll. —

From Smithfield lower house, Thomas Steere. —

— Thomas Lapham Junr. Reports that he with George Smith inform.d Joseph Allen according to appointment, and the Testimony of his deniel was read approved of & sign.d by the Clerk & Lodged on file. —

— The Comt.ee on the Request of Bathsheba Wilcox, Report that most of them have visited the family, and had a conference with the parents and three eldest Children, and that the two oldest appeared to have arrived to the years of understanding suitable to request the care of friends for themselves, and that they tho't all the Children except the two eldest might safely be taken under the care of friends, on their mothers request, and they are accepted accordingly. But that it might be best for the meeting to wait longer on the two eldest, and appoint a Comt.ee to consult together whether Children of their age and capacity be accepted upon their own or parents request; or whether best for the monthly meeting to ask advise of a superior meeting, respecting such cases. Wherefore this this meeting appoints

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Adam Harkness, Joseph Harris, Elisha Thornton, Moses Farnum, David Buffum, Jonathan Arnold & Daniel Cass, a Comtee to take the same under consideration and report their sense to next monthly meeting.

Joseph Mitchell and Mary Callender appeared in this meeting, and declared their intentions of taking each other in marriage if friends approved of the same thereupon this meeting appoints Moses Brown & Daniel Anthony to inquire into his clearness in that respect and report to next monthly meeting.

The friends to Labour with Ebenezer Gaskill, Report, that they have had farther conference with him, But desire that matter to be referd in order for a further opportunity ~~with him~~ Therefore the same is referd and the Comtee to report to next monthly meeting.

Several of the Comtee to labour with James Marsh, Report that they have had a conference with him; and that he acknowledges he hired a man as mentioned in the complaint; and since hath hired another for the like service, and did not appear desirious to condemn his conduct in that respect, to the satisfaction of friends. Therefore this meeting condemns his said conduct, and hereby disowns him as a member and puts him from under the care of our Society and appoints Thomas Arnold & Job Scott, to notify him of his deniel and right of appeal and draw a Testimony of his deniel and bring to next monthly meetg.

The friends appointed to labour with Theophilus Southwick, not all having had an opportunity with him, by reason of Indisposition. They are continued for that service and report to next monthly meeting.

The friends to labour with John Walker Junr. Report that by reason of disappointments they have not had an opportunity with him. Therefore they are continued for said service and report to next monthly meeting.

This meeting gave Elisabeth Southwick a few lines directed to Salem Quarterly meeting, signifying our unity with her attending the same, which was signed by by the Clerk, and sent to the womens meeting to be signed theire.

This meeting adjourns to the 9th hour to morrow morning.

25 day met by adjourment. The Representatives being called were all present, except Daniel Aldrich and Seth Killey.

The friends continued in the 6th month to treat with Asa Mann, report that by reason of his not coming down from Richmond as was expected, they have had no opportunity with him. Therefore they are continued to fulfil the ap-

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9th mo. The friends continued in the 6th month to further labour with Joseph Cafs. not having had an opportunity, by reason of his living at Richmond and not having been down since. They are continued to fulfil the appointment — and report to this meeting in the 2d month or sooner if way opens —

The case of some of the Children of John Farnum Decasd. and also some of Joseph Comstock's Family being before this meeting, and friends not being united and Clear, whether they have a right of membership or not, Our friends George Comstock, Joseph Mitchell, William Bosson, Elisha Thornton, Oziel Wilkinson, and Adam Harkness, are appointed a Comtee to consider of the Matter, and all other doubtful cases of like nature that may occur. They to report thereon to next monthly meeting —

Two of the Comtee appointed to labour with those that have married out of the order of Friends. Report that they have visited Stephen Baker, and Labourd with him several times on that acct as well as divers others of his misconduct, and he not appearing in a state of mind suitable to make friends satisfaction. But continuing in a ~~[illegible]~~ life of self gratification, This meeting puts him from under the care of our society as a member, until he make suitable satisfaction for his misconduct; which we desire he may be enabled to do — and Elisha Thornton is desired to inform him of his denial and right of appeal — and report to this meeting when accomplished —

~~Chad Smith~~ An acct to the Quarterly meeting, was concluded on, and a Copy thereof to be lodged on file —

Chad Smith sent a paper to this meeting concerning a Child's being laid to his charge. Whereupon this meeting appoints our friends Adam Harkness, Moses Brown, Elisha Thornton, & Oziel Wilkinson, to take a solid opportunity with him, in order to discover if he hath gotten victory over the transgressing nature, so as it may be best for friends to pass by the offence — and Report to next monthly meeting —

Thomas Lapham Jun. Clk

At Our Monthly meeting of Friends held at Smithfield the 29th day of the 10th month 1778. The meeting being convened the repre.ve appearing from the Prepar.ve meetings are From Smithfield upper house, David Buffum & George Arnold.

From Uxbridge, Joseph Aldrich and Daniel Aldrich.

From Smithfield lower house Moses Brown, & Oziel Wilkinson.

The following report was made an accepted — We whose names are here unto subscribed being of the Comtee appointed at last monthly meeting, to consult together touching the propriety of parents requesting the care of friends, for their children when they are of the age and capacity of the two eldest of Bathshebe Wilcox Children &c.

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having met and considered of the matter, and are of the opinion that for parents so to do is according to the late Rule of our Society; yet it looks to us the preferable way when children are come to such a religious engagement, and experience in the truth as to render them suitable to request for themselves that they do so. and it is fully our sense and judgment that comtees appointed upon such request whether made by parents or children ought to fully inspect the state of mind of such children who are arrived to age; and discretion, and religious consideration, as well as the disposition and authority of the Parents requesting, and other circumstances attending that so they may be able to judge rightly, whether such Children be suitable or unsuitable to be members.

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Therefore the matter respecting Bathsheba Wilkcox two eldes Children is dismist, until they make request for themselves and Moses Farnum is desired to inform them of this conclusion.

The friends to inquire into Joseph Mitchels clearness respecting marriage Report that they have made Inquiry, and dont find any thing to hender his proceeding in marriage with Mary Callender, and they appearing in this meeting, and received their answer in order for marriage, our friends Moses Brown, & Daniel Anthony are appointed to see the same consuntated and report to next monthly meeting.

The friends to labour with Ebenezer Gaskill make the following report to wit

The of the Comtee to Labour with Ebenezer Gaskill have had several opportunities with him, and find but little incouragement of his taking friends advice. Samuel Tower Jabez Wing, Samuel Aldrich, David Farnum, William Buffum, Augustus Lapham.

Yet upon the request of some friends the matter is referd till next monthly meeting under the care of the same Comtee. and they then to report, of their further progress.

The womens meeting inform that they have Accepted Martha Harris and Tabitha Olney, under the care of our society. of which this meetg approves.

The friends appointed respecting James Marsh, Report that they have not fully answered their appointment, by reason of his not being at home when they went to see him. Therefore they are continued for said service, & Report to next monthly meeting.

The friends to labour with Theophilus Southwick, Report that they have had an opportunity with him, and that he desires friends to wait longer on him; Therefore the same is referd under the care of sd Comtee to report to next monthly meetg.

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The meeting adjourns to the 10th hour tomorrow —

30th day met by Adjournment — The representatives being called were all present

The Epistle from our last Quarterly meeting, with a Copy of the Last years London written Epistle; were read to satisfaction; and agreeable to the advice in the Quarterly meeting Epistle. Job Scott is desired to transcribe the London Epistle and send a Copy to each particular meeting, belonging to this monthly meeting, to be read in publick — and report to next monthly meeting —

The friends to Labour with John Walker Junr, Report that they have laboured with him and he appeared not in a sower disposition, yet unsuitable to make satisfaction, for his misconduct, which appear not only in his marrying out of the order of friends with one not a member, but in company keeping in an unlawful manner; which is manifest by his wives being delivered of a Child soon after marriage — Wherefore this meeting disowns, said conduct, and hereby puts him from under the care of friends as a member, until he shall mannifest reconciliation, and so as to make it suitable for friends to pass by his misconduct — Our friends Oziel Wilkinson & David Sheese are appointed to inform him of his deniel and right of appeal and draw a Testimony of his deniel, and Report to next monthly meeting —

Most of the friends appointed to treat with Asa Mann, Report that they have had an opportunity with him, and think he is sincere in his request, and that it may be best for friends to grant the same — Therefore he is accepted a member of our society —

The following report was read and accepted — Agreable to appointment we have met and considered upon the matters committed to us, respecting some of the family of John Farnum Deceas^d and Joseph Comstock's. And it is our oppinion that agreable to the then practice of our Meeting That the Children of John Farnum by virtue of their Farthers being a member, ought to be considered under the care of said meeting until they are disowned by a minute of said meeting — and likewise such of Joseph Comstock's as were under him by non age at the time he was received — Adam Harkness George Comstock, Joseph Mitchell, Oziel Wilkinson, Elisha Thornton, William Bassett. the 27th 9th month 1778

The friends to take an opportunity with Chad Smith, Report that they have had a Conference with him and that he appeared in a tender disposition, and that they think best for friends to wait longer on him — Therefore that matter is refer^d under the care of the same friends — they to report in the 12th month —

Two of the friends continued in the 6th month to labour with Aaron Aldrich report that they have visited him, and think best that the same be refer^d. Therefore the com^tee appointed are still desired to take the necessary care thereof — and Report to this meeting in the 2d month or sooner if they think best —

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1778 10th Mo. One of the Comtee to Labour with those that have married out of the order of friends made report, that he with some others friends, have laboured with Joseph Allen of Warwicks, near Richmond, who did so marry, and that they think it best to wait longer and bestow more labour, Wherefore our friends Jadediah Buffum Nathan Harkness & Lawrance Southwick Junr. are appointed to take further opportunity with him, and make report how they find the state of his mind, and what they think best to be done — to next monthly meeting

Exam. Smithfield upper house Preparve meeting informing that Richard Buffum is accused with being too familiar with a young woman, where by it is said she is with Child — which accusation he does not deny — Thereupon this meeting appoints our friends Moses Farnum Adam Harkness Thomas Steere and Joseph Mitchell to Labour with him for his help, & restoration — and report to next monthly meeting —

Smithfield Lower house preparative meeting informing that John Holden desires a Certificate to Greenwich monthly meeting to signify his his clearness in respect to marriage engagements among us. Thereupon our friends Caleb Greene & Daniel Anthony, are appointed to inquire into his clearness in that respect — and report to next monthly meeting —

This meeting having recd. a second letter from the Clerk of South Kingston Meeting requesting our care to put Joseph Congdon upon Removing all obstructions to his having a Certificate from that meeting, the Clerk is desired to inform that meeting, by sending a Copy of this ~~meeting~~ minute. that the reasons that an Answer was not giving to the first Letter was the meetg. being informd. that Joseph was gone to your Meeting for that purpose and it was expected that the obstructions had been or would soon be removed, and this meeting being now informed that Joseph hath been spoken with on the subject and that he was absent from home in order to settle the matter at your last Meeting but least that should not be effected, we have Desired our friend Benjamin Arnold and Moses Brown to treat with him on the subject —

This meeting received, a Certificate from the monthly meeting of friends at the Nine partners, Dated the 17th of the 10th mo. 1777, Recommending Mary Smith to the care of this meeting, as a member and an Elder in our Socity —

Lawrance Southwick Junr. mentioned in this meeting that he hath thts. of moving to Hoosuck to live, and desires friends advice therein — Thereupon our friends Adam Harkness Jabez Wing, William Buffum, Thomas Steere Rufus Smith, and David Farnum, are desired to take an opportunity with him

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him upon the subject, and advise as they may think best, & and report to next mo.thly meeting.

Agreable to appointment Elisha Thornton, Reports, that he hath wrote to Stephen Baker, Informing him of his denial, and right of appeal, which he apprehends he hath received.

Thomas Lapham Junr. Clerk

11th Mo. At Our Monthly meeting held at Smithfield the 26th day of the 11th month 1778, The meeting being convened the represen.tws appearing are.

From Smithfield Upper house, George Smith, and Elisha Thornton.

From Uxbridge Samtl. Aldrich, & Joseph Southwick.

From Smithfield Lower House Benja. Smith.

Our friend Aaron Lancaster was at this meeting on a Religious visit his Certificate from the Monthly meeting of friends at Oblong dated the 18th of the 2d month 1778, was read to satisfaction.

A Certificate from Rhode Island monthly Meetg. dated 30th of the 6th month last Recommending Thomas Hazard (son of Benjamin) to the care of this meeting was read and accepted.

Moses Farnum Reports that he Informd. Bathsheba Wilcox, of the conclusion of last monthly meeting respecting her sons.

The following Report was read and accepted (viz) Agreable to Appointment We have attended the Marriage of Joseph Mitchell, and Mary Calender, and the same was consumated in an Orderly, and decent manner at Providence the 5th day of this month their Marriage Certificate was Signd. and Delivered to Joseph.

Moses Brown
Daniel Anthony

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The friends all but two to Labour with Ebenezer Gaskill Report that they have had further opportunity with him, and, that he appeared much in the same disposition as heretofore; But desired friends to wait longer on him, Therefore that matter is referd. under the care of the same Comtee. with Caleb Greene, John Walker William Bassett, Antepas Earll Amos Arnold, & David Wadsworth, added to them and they to report to next monthly meeting.

Thomas Arnold and Mary Brown Junr. appeared in this meeting and declared their intentions of taking each other in marriage, whereupon this meeting appoints Joseph Mitchell & Caleb Greene, to Inquire into his Clearness in that respect, and Report to next monthly Meeting.

By the Request of Mary Comstock, (wife of Nathan of Hoosuck) this meeting gave a Certificate, Recommending their five eldes Children, viz Jared, Jemima, Darius

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Darius, Otis, and Nathan, as having a right of membership in our Society, to the care of the Monthly meeting at E Hoosuck, which was Sign.d by the Clerk.

A Certificate from Rhode Island monthly meeting Recommending Hannah Tanner to the care of his meeting. the same dated the 30th of the 6th mo. last, was read and accepted.

The meeting Adjourns to the 10th hour tomorrow.

27th day met by adjournment. The Repr.s being called were all present, Except Samuel Aldrich, who made his Excuse yester day.

The Com.tee to Labour with Theophilus Southwick Report that by reason of his being gone a Journey they have not had further opportunity with him Therefore they are continued for said Service & report to next m.ly meeting.

Job Scott not being present, But sent word that he hath Transcribed the Epistles, according to the directions of last monthly meeting.

The friends appointed respecting John Walker Jun.r, Report that by reason of his being gone a Journey they have not fulfilled that appointment. Therefore they are continued to fulfil the same, & Report to next monthly meeting.

Lawrance Southwick Jun.r Reports that Circumstances hath been such that He hath not been to visit Joseph Allen of Warwick, according to appointm.t and the other two friends not being present, That matter is refer.d under the care of the same friends, They report to next monthly meeting.

Thomas Arnold reports that he hath informed James Marsh according to appointment. and drawn a Testimony of his deniel, which was read and approved of, and Sign.d by the Clerk, Who is appointed to inform Rhode Island Monthly meeting of his deniel by sending them a Copy of his deniel, said Testimony, and report to the monthly meeting when accomplished.

The Com.tee to Labour with Richard Buffum for committing lewoness with a young woman. Report that they have had an opportunity with him, and that he appeared to be much affected in mind, Therefore they recommend to friends to wait longer on him, accordingly it is refer.d under the care of the same Com.tee to Report, to next monthly meeting.

The friends appointed report, that by Inquiry they dont find but John Holdine is clear of any marriage Engagements among us, which was certified by a few lines to Greenwich monthly meeting, Sign.d by the Clerk.

Thomas

11th mo. Thomas Lapham Junr informs that agreable to appointment of last monthly meetg. he sent a copy of the minute Respecting Joseph Congdon to Southkingston monthly meeting (by a member thereof) and the friends mentioned in said minute, to treat with Joseph, Inform that they have Spoken with him, and that he expects he hath settled matters so as to have a Certificate sent soon, Yet the same friends are desired to have the care of that matter, and report to next mo. ly. mgt.

The following Report was read and accepted.

We of the Comtee to Advise with Lawrance Southwick Junr. Respecting his moving with his family to some other parts of the Country, have met and had a Conference with him on the subject, and find that his mind is not fully settled to what place he shall incline to move, Wherefore our Advise to him is, not Certainly to bargain for a farm, in any other part of the Country, until he is fully determined what place it is best for him to move to — and after he is fully satisfied in that Respect. That he further advise with this or some other Comtee from the monthly meeting — and at the same time to well consider the weightiness of the undertaking — Adam Harkness Jabez Wing Rufus Smith.

the 1st of the 11th mo. 1778 — David Farnum, William Buffum.

The Comittee Continued in the 8th mo. Respecting the Request of Ruth Arnold, for her Children, to be taken under the care of friends. Report that they have paid the family avisit in company with the Womens Comtee but not having fully Finished the — Report, the same is Referd to next monthly Meeting, then to be Reported —

Uxbridge Preparative Meeting Informing that David Southwick Shall removed within the verge of Salem monthly meeting without the consent of friends and desired Certificate, Thereupon this meeting appoints Elisha Shorlton, Joseph Mosher & Benedict Arnold — to Inquire in to the manner of his going and how he has left his Circumstances and Report to next monthly meeting —

Smithfield Lower House Preparrative, meeting Informing that Stephen Farnum (son of John Farnum Deceased) thath been in the Practice of bearing Arms as a soldier and having been Labourd with by friends he appeared not in a Disposion suitable to make fr satisfaction whereupon this Meeting thinks it safe and best to put him from under their Care without further Labour, Therefore he is here by Disownd from having a Right of Membership in our Society until he shall make Satisfaction for his said misconduct — and Thomas Steere is appointed to inform him of his Deniel & Right of appeal & Report to next monthly Meeting —

1778 12. Mo. The Treasurer informed this Meeting that there are several out standing accounts this meeting now owes. and the overseers of the Poor informed that they thought 100 £ would be wanted to supply the Necessities of the Poor, Wherefore this meeting recommends to the several Preparative meetings to subscribe so as to raise that sum and more if they can find Freedom therefor.

John Walker mentions that he hath some Thoughts of Selling his Interest & moving to some other place and desires friends advice there in, Wherefore this Meeting appoints, Tho Steere Benjamin Arnold, Moses Brown, & Benedict Arnold, to inspect the Circumstances and advise as they may think best & Report to next mly meetg.

Thomas Lapham Clerk

At a monthly meeting of friends held at Smithfield the 31st 7th mo 1778

The representitives from the several preparitive meetings are from Smithfield upper house Elisha Tornton and ~~Joshua Aldrich, from~~ Elisha Hilley from Uxbridg Moses Farnum and Joshua Aldrich, from Smithfield lower house Oziel Wilkinson and Caleb Green the latter did not attend but sent his excuse which was satisfactory the Clerk of this meeting being necessarily absent Moses Brown is appointed to stand in his place at this time

Nehemiah Sprague appeard in this meeting and continued his Request to be taken under the care of Friends as mention in the minute from Smithfield upper house preparitive meeting and George Smith, Joseph Harris, Rufus Smith & Samuel Aldrich, are appointed a Committee to take a solid opertunity with him Concerning the motive of his Request and Suitableness of his becoming a member of our society. and make report to next Monthly meeting

The Preparitive meeting of Uxbridg informd this meeting that John Bowen appeard in that meeting and requested the care of friends but this meeting being informed that he is unwell and therefore did not attend at this time, that matter is continued to next monthly meeting

1778 12 mo. Most of the Committee appointed to treat with Ebenezer Gaskill report that they thought it best to wait longer on him & diverse of that Committee not being present on account of the Great storm, at that time
the same Committee are continued to have further opportunity with him & make report to the next monthly meeting

One of the friends appointed to labour with Theophilus Southwick inform that they have not fulfilled, that appointment on account of severity of the wether wherefore they are continued for that service and to report to next monthly meeting

The friends appointed to inform John Walker junr of his Denial and right of appeal and to draw a testamoney against him of his Denial, report that they have informd him thereof, and presented a testamoney of his denial which being rec'd and approved of was signed by Moses Brown Clerk this time

Joseph Michell in behalf of himself and Caleb Greenwhe were appointed to inspect in to the clearness of Thomas Arnold in respect to marriage with Mary Brown reports that they have made inspection and find nothing to hinder their proceedings therein whereupon Thomas appeared in this meeting and requested an answer Mary the absent having satisfied the womens meeting as well as this, of her clearness the reason of her absence and of her desire of an answer, this meeting gave their answer that they had no Objection to their proceeding in marrage acording to the Good order of friends, and Moses Farnum, and Joseph Michell are appointed to see the same consumated and report to the next monthly meeting

Uxbridge Preparitive Meeting informing that Abner Twichel intended to lay his intention of Marrage with Sarah Cass before this Meeting, they accordingly appeared and ~~desired~~ declard their Intention, thereupon this meeting appoints Levy Taft and David Farnum to inspect into his clearness and make report to next monthly meeting to wich they are refird for an answer

Upper hous preparitive meeting informed this Meeting that they had subscribd £23-4 towards 100£ recommended to be raised at last Monthly meeting and that George Arnold had the care of it
Uxbridge informs they had subscribd £43.11, of which six Shillings was in Silver

1778 12 mo. Lower Meeting, it appears, hath paid into the hand of Jonathan Arnold £22.1, of which 10/ is Silver and that meeting being small the subscription was not compleat and as it appears also that but few members attended the upper house in Smithfield preparitive meeting it is recommended to both those as well as the absent members of the other to compleat their Subscription against next monthly meeting.

The Committee appointed in the case of Ruth arnolds request for the care of friends to be Extended over her children have made report but the meeting not being fully Clear in the matter refer the same, and appoints Jacob Arnold, Samuel Aldrich and Daniel Cass in addition to said Committee who are desired to Vissit the family and make Report to the Next monthly Meeting.

A Certificate from Swansy Monthly Meeting of Women friends dated 5th of 10 mo. last in behalf of ~~Rebeckah~~ Rebeckah Bussee who is removed into the Verge of this monthly meeting, being laid before this meeting the same is ~~[illegible]~~ accepted.

A Certificate from Sandwich monthly meeting dated the 6th of 11th mo. last & directed to this meeting, in behalf of David Bowerman who is removed into these parts, was read in this meeting and Accepted.

The meeting Adjourns to the 10th our to morrow morning 1st of the 1st mo. 1779 met by Adjournment. The representatives were called and present.

Two of the friends appointed to Vissel Joseph Allen, (Lawrence Southwick not attending on account of the great Difficulty of traveling) report that they have had an Opertunity with him but it appearing that Lawrence had not seen the report and being now absent that matter is referd to give him an opertunity to vissit Joseph if he thinks proper and to report to Next monthly Meeting to which the conclusion of this meeting upon this Report is referd.

Two of the committee to labour with Richard Buffum for Committing lewdness with a young woman, report they they have had an opportunity with him and having hopes of his makeing satisfaction think it best to refer the matter; wherefore the same Committee is Continued for that purpose - to report to the next monthly meeting —

The matter of Joseph Condons not producing a Certificate from So. Kingston monthly meeting, Remaining as before & one of the Comittee having had an opertunity with him on ye Subject and finding incouragement that he wilbe able to procure one, the same Committee is continued to have the care of that matter, and report to next monthly meeting —

The committee to inspect in to the circumstances of David southwick removal reported & produced a Certificate to salem monthly meeting — Signifying his right of membership & clearness in respect of marriage Engagements, which was approved & and signed by Moses Brown Clerk at this time —

Thomas Steere reports that ~~the~~ he hath a quainted Stephen Varnum of his Denial and Right of appeal —

Most of the committee appointed to advise John Walker respecting his prospect of Sailing his Estate & Removing to another place, report that they have had an opertunity with him & his then expectations was removed but his mind ~~being~~ not yet being fully settled about removing the same Committee is continued to advise & ~~[illegible]~~ Assist him in that matter and to report to next monthly meeting —

Some of the committee appointed to treat with Chad Smith report that they had not had an Opertunity with him, their meeting according to appointment falling through by reason of the extremety of weather, therefore they are continued for that service & to report to next monthly Meeting —

The Preparative meeting of Uxbridge informs this meeting that David Varnum had a son of about 4 years of age named Mordica which was not properly under the care of friends, his Wife not being a member; but that he desired the care of Friends over it as a member of our society, this Meeting appoints Tabez Wing, George Arnold, David Buffum a Committee to visit the family, inspect the manner of the education and the

1778 The disposition of his Wife respecting it and consider such other Circumstances
(2 mo) as may then appear necessary, and report their Judgment what will
200 be best to be done, to the next monthly meeting)

The lower Preparative meeting informd that Scituate meeting house was distroyd by fire and as friends there stood in need of the advise of this meeting where to hold their meetings in future; Rufus Smith, Moses Sturnum Benjamin Smith Annanias Mowry Junr; are appointed to go there and advise with friends on the subject and also to get ye most satisfactory acct they can of the time and manner of the house being burnt)

The over seers of the poor inform that several of the Children of the poor of this meeting, are of suitable ages to be pleaced out where they can be brought up to their own advantage, and reputasion of society, but their Parents manifest a reluctance to take their advice in the matter where fore George Comstock, Rufus Smith, Samuel Aldrich, & Jacob Arnold, are appointed to Join the over seers of the poor in a vissit to those families and labour with them to have such of the Children as they may think best; put out to Apprentiship and to assisting in providing suitable places for them, to report to the next monthly meeting)

The recommendations in the Quartely Meetings epistle of appointing a solid Committee to visset those families who appear dificient in the important duty of duly attending our religious meetings hath been considered, and this meeting being imprest with a sense of the necessary usefullness of such a service rightly enterd upon, but being drawn towards a Close; the same is referd to our next monthly meeting where it is greatly desired friends may enter upon it, under that calming divine influance which alone can promise success in our Endavours for the cause and testimony of truth upon earth.)

The Queries were read in this meeting and the General Answers (compiled from the several preparitives meetings answers,) approvid and Sent with ye acct, by the Representatives appointed to attend the Quartaly meeting who are Tabez Wing, Elisha Thornton, Daniel Cass & Moses Brown)

1779 1st mo. At Our Monthly meeting of Friends held at Smithfield ye 28th of ye 1st mo. 1779 — 201

The meeting being Convened The representatives appearing from the preparative meetings are —

From Smithfield upper house Willium Buffum and George Smith
From Uxbridge, Daniel Cass and Samuel Fowler —
From Smithfield lower house Thomas Steere and Moses Brown

The committee to treat with Nehemiah Sprague on account of his request to be taken under the care of friends) not having all been together on the subject that matter is referd under the care of the committee and to report to next monthly meeting —

The matter of John Bowens Request mentioned in the minutes of last monthly meeting came before this meeting and he appearing and still requestting the care of friends the meeting proceeded to appoint George Smith, David Farnum & Elisha Thornton; to take a solid opertunity with him concerning the motive of his request & suitableness of being admitted a member of our society and report to next monthly meeting —

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The committee Respecting Abner Twichell, report that by inquiry they find nothing to hinder his proceedings in marrage with Sarah Cass, and they ~~proceiding~~ appearing in this meeting and receive their answer in ~~marrage~~ order for marrage, and our friends Moses Farnum, & Samuel Aldrich, are appointed to se the same consumated & report to next monthly meeting —

Moses Brown & Mary Olney appeard in this meeting and Declared their intentions of marrage where upon this meeting appoints Benjamin Arnold & Joseph Michell to make inquiry in to his clearness in that respect and report to next monthly meeting —

The meeting Adjourns to the 10th hour to morrow morning

29th day met by Adjournment —

The committee to labour with Theophilus Southwick report that by the severity of the weather, they have not had an opportunity with

1779 With him but one of them informs that he hath since conversed with
1780 him and that he hath proceeded in marriage contrary to the advice
and the good order of friends, therefore this meeting thinks best to proceed
to disown him, and he is hereby put from the under the care of friends
as a member — untill he shall, make satisfaction for his misconduct,
and our friends David Farnum & Joseph Mosher, are appointed to
inform him of his denial and right of appeal, and draw a testimony
of his denial — and report to next monthly meeting —

Sen of the committee appointed to treat with Ebenezer Gaskill
report that they had labour'd with him & advised him agreeable to their
appointment, but some of them with others friends present informing this
meeting he hath since their opertunity appeared in publick testimony
contrary there to, whereby it appears that he refuses the advice of this
meeting as well as the select meeting yet divers friends apprehending further
difficulties in a continuance for them to have opertunity to labour with
him & advise him to desist his bulick appearance and take the advise of the
meeting, where fore this meeting being desirious every friend may
have opertunity to discharge themselves to the end that unity be as much as
possible preserved, refers making a minute against him till next month
ly meeting when if he should continue his offerings this meeting sees
no way to clear the Truth & support our discipline but by proceeding
to his denial and yt same is accordingly referd to that time for the
Conclusion of this meeting —

The Epistle from our last Quarterly meeting was read to good
satisfaction — by which it appears that the Quarterly meeting
approves of a minute of the meeting for sufferings (wich was read
in this meeting) recommending to the monthly meetings to raise
200 pounds for the use of the poor society and send up to the yearly meetings
treasurer as soon as may be, where fore this meeting recommends
to the several preparative meetings to contribute in their freedom
and send up to our next monthly meeting to be forwarded to yt
yearly meetings treasury agreeable to the recommendation of the
meeting for sufferings of the sixth of this month. —

The Quarterly meeting in their Epistle having recommended subscription for yt poor that

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hath come off Rhodeisland — Wherefore this meeting having considered the same Recommend to the several preparative meetings to consider that the earth & the fullness there of is the Lords, and that we as his steward have our hearts open to the cries of the poor in this time of General calamity and contribute for their relief as best wisdom may direct ye minds of indevidualls in society —

The friends appointed to see the marriage of Thomas Arnold with Mary Brown consumated report that they attended the same and it appear to be accomplshed in an orderly, and solem manner —

The Matter respecting Joseph Allen of warwick, referd to this meeting was considerd and Lawrence Southwick Junr. being present, and mentioning that he Through illness hath not had Joseph avsit but approves of the others friends report the Purport of which is that he semed to have but little true sight of his out goings, and that he thought he could not make such satisfaction as friends would Accept of, therefore this meeting puts the said Joseph from under the care of friends as a member untill he shall make satisfaction for this misconduct, mentioned in ~~last~~ month, and our friends Daniel Pass and Samuel Aldrich are appointed to inform him of his denial and right of appeal, and draw a testamony of his denial and report to the next monthly meeting —

Two of the committee to labour with Richard Buffum report that they have had an opetunity with him, and think best for friends to wait longer on him therefore the same committee are continued for further labour and report to next monthly meeting —

The committee to treat with Joseph Congdon mention that they expect Joseph is now gone to southkinstown in order to get a certificate notwithstanding they are yet desired to have the care of that matter and report to next monthly meeting —

The comtee respecting John Walkers selling his interest and moving, not having been upon that matter since last monthly meeting, are continued for that service and report to next monthly meeting —

The Comtee on the Request of Ruth Arnold for her Children Report, which is accepted and is as follows

We of the Comtee appointed to consider of the Request of Ruth Arnold for her Children to be taken under the care of Friends

having

1779 Having visetted her and her Family and Considered the ~~[illegible]~~ Subject of her Request, And it is our Sense of the matter that it is best to Receive her four Children Named Elisabeth, Asa, Israel and Ruth under the Care of Friends: Which we submit to the Judgment of the Monthly meeting

Mary Comstock Daniel Cass Jacob Arnold
Anna Thornton Rufus Smith George Comstock

Part of this minute by mistake is omitted here — the same is entered after the 5 m^o. 1776

2^d m^o. At Our monthly meeting of friends held at Smithfield the 25th of the 2^d m^o. 1779 — the meeting being Conven^d. The representatives appearing from the preparative meetings are

Firm Smithfield upper hous Rufus Smith, Jonathan Mowrye
Uxbridge Daniel Aldrich & Josiah Shove
Smithfield Lowerhouse Jos. Mitchell & Rufus Smith

The com^tee to treat with Nehemiah Sprague do report that they have had an opportunity with him and think it might be safe to receive him under the care of friends therefore he is accepted a member of this meeting

The committee to treat with John Bowen report that they have had an opportunity with him, and that he appear^d sincere in his request, and they thought it might be safe for friends to grant the same therefore he is accepted a member of this meeting

~~The com^tee to treat with John Bowen Report That they have had an opportunity with him and that he appear^d sincere in his req-~~ ~~ess they thot It~~

The matter Respecting Ebenezer Gaskill was again considered and this meeting being informed that he hath frequently appeared in a Publick Testimony since our last monthly meeting. Wherefore it is manifest that he is not disposed to take the advice of Friends, which after so much Labour and long waiting extended towards him for to convince him, that it ought to be his duty to comply with the advice of the Brethern, This meeting thinks best for the holding up Truths Testimony to deny Unity with Him. Therefore he is hereby put from under the care of our Society as a member, until he shall make Satisfaction.

and

And our Friends Jacob Arnold & Moses Brown, are appointed to inform him of his deniel and Right of appeal, And draw a Testimony of his deniel and Report to next monthly meeting.

The Women's meeting inform that they have put Dorcas Jenney Com under the care of Friends and that they have rec.d a Certificate from Greenwich monthly meeting recommending Ruth Greene (wife of John) to the care of this meeting. The Friends appointed report that they attended the marriage of Abner Twitchel, which was consumated mostly in an orderly manner. The friends appointed report that they have made the necessary Enquiry, and don't find any thing to hender Moses Brown from proceeding in marriage with Mary Olney, and they appeared in this meeting and received their Answer in order for marriage. Benjamin Arnold and Daniel Anthony are appointed to see the same consumated and Report to next monthly meeting.

Joseph Southwick and Alice Sayles, appeared, and Declared their intentions of taking each other in marriage. Wherefore this meeting appoints Daniel Aldrich and Joseph Mosher, to inquire into his clearness in that Respect, and report to next monthly meeting.

The Prepar.ve meet.g of Smithfield upper House, Informing that David Buffum, Defires a Certificate to Greenwich Monthly meeting signifying his clearness, in respect of marriage ingagements among us, where upon our friends Elisha Thornton Daniel Anthony, & Job Scott, are appointed to inquire into that matter, & Report to next m.ly meet.g.

A Certificast from Salem monthly meet.g dated 14th last m.o Recommend.g Nathan Breed Jun.r to the care of this meet.g was read and accepted.

The friends to Inform Theophilus Southwick of his deniel &c. Report, that they have fulfilled their appointment, and the Testimony being read is approv.d of and Signed by the Clerk, & order'd to be kept on file.

Agreeable to the recommendation of last monthly meeting Smithfield upper house prepar.ve meet.g hath subscribed for the Yearly meeting stock £17.. and £9.. for the poor that have come from Rhode Island.

Uxbridge £12..12/ for Yearly meet.g Stock, and £19.07.6.. for the poor from Rhode Island.

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for the poor from Rhode Island, which is ordered to be forwarded for said purposes
The other business that ought to come before this meeting is Referd to next month,
Joseph Mitchel informs that he hath thoughts of moving to Greenwich, and
desires friends advice there in. Wherefore Moses Brown, Daniel Anthony
& Moses Farnum, are appointed to Inspect that matter, and report to next month.

Thomas Lapham Clerk

At Our Monthly meetg held at Smithfield the 25th day of the
3d month 1779. The meeting being convened. The representatives ap-
pearing from the Preparve meetgs are
From Smithfield upper House, Ananias Mowry, & Asa Smith.
Uxbridge none
Smithfield Lower House Benjamin Smith.
The Friends to treat with Joseph Congdon, ~~respecting~~ Concering his getting a
a Certificate Report, that he expects to bring one to next monthly meetg
yet the Friends are still continued to have the necessary care, and report
to next monthly meeting.
The Comtee to advise John Walker, respecting moving, Report that they
have visited him, and see no prospect of his moving for the better at present
therefore they are dismist unless he applies to them for further advise.
Two of the Comtee to visit such as have been negligent in attending meetgs
Report, that the whole Comtee proceeded in that appointment, but have not
gone so far as they think may be usefull. Therefore they are still continued
for said Service. To Report to next monthly meeting.
The Comtee respecting Chad Smith, not being all present. They are desired to
report to next monthly meeting.
The Comtee continued in the first month to further assist and advise
the poor in placeing out their Children are still continued for that service
and report to next monthly.
The Comtee respecting Aaron Aldrich continued in the 9th mo last, not being
all present. It is thot best to refer that matter, and it is referd unver the care of
the Comtee they to report to next monthly meeting.

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1779 } 3d mo. By the report of Moses Farnum the comtee continued in the 9th month, to labour with Joseph Cass have not fulfilled that appointment. Therefore they are continued to fulfil the same — and report in the fifth month to this meetg. — 207

The friends appointed to see the marriage of Moses Brown consumated, Report that they attended the same — and according to their observation it was conducted in a good degree orderly.

The friends appointed Report that by inquiry they dont find but that David Buffum is clear of Marriage engagements among us. Thereupon this meeting gave a Certificate to Greenwich monthly meeting signifying the same, as also his having consent of Parents and being in a good Degree of an Orderly life & Conversation. the same was signd by the Clerk.

The Comtee to consider of Joseph Mitchels Prospect of moving to Greenwich Report that they find nothing to hender his moving. Therefore if he should move between this and another month the Comtee is desired to prepare a Certificate and bring to our meeting in next month.

The following minute was read in this meeting viz:

At a Meeting for Sufferings held at Providence the 8th 3d month 1779. This meeting being desirous that the Truth may be cleared, and the odium cast on our Society, by the publication of the peice signd Spank Town Yearly meeting be removed by spreading the vindication in the Testimony herewith sent. It is desired that Friends read the same after reading this minute in all our publick monthly and particular meetings as soon as may be.

Copy of a minute of the said Meeting compared and forwarded according to their direction — by — Moses Brown.

The same is approved of, and Moses Farnum Moses Brown & Wm Buffum are appointed to see the same read accordingly, with the Testimony referd to.

The meetg adjourns to the 10th hour to morrow morning.

26th day met by adjournment. The representatives being called were all present.

The friends appointed Report that they have Informed Ebenezer Gaskill of his denial and right of appeal, and drawn a Testimony of his deniel which being read was approved of and signd by the Clerk, & ordered to be lodged on file.

Ebenezer Gaskill appeared in this meeting and requested an appeal to the Quarterly meeting, from the Judgment of this meeting, against him which is granted — and our friends Elisha Thornton, Moses Brown Jonathan Arnold and William Buffum are appointed to represent the case to the Quarterly meeting in behalf of this meeting.

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1779 3d mo. This meeting gave a Certificate directed to Swanzy monthly meeting Recommending David Brayley & Wife to the care of that meeting, which was Signd by the Clerk of this meeting and sent to the womens meeting to be signed there.

N B the said David had a Certificate from this meeting in the 4th month 1772 - which we understand is last.

One of the Friends appointed Inform that they have made Inquiry and find nothing to hender Joseph Southwick from proceeding in marriage with Alice Sayles - And they appearing recd their answer in order for marriage, and Elisha Thornton & David Farnum, are appointed to see the same consumated and report to next monthly meeting.

Several of the Comtees Respecting the Cases of Joseph Allen, & Richard Buffum not being at this meeting them matters are referd to next monthly meetg then to be reported.

It having been the concern of this Meeting to Promote the Education of our youth in Schools under the Government of Solid friends - and as this necessary care is much relaxed within our Yearly meeting, from what our Discipline requires, and finding Incouragement, by our own short experience, as well as by the doings of the last yearly meeting ~~[illegible]~~ held at Philadelphia on this Subject, which have been laid before this meeting we are Induced to recommend to the Solid attention of the Quarterly meeting this important Subject and if it appear to you as it does tous of weight enough to carry forward to the Yearly meeting and the minds of friends are United in a living concern therein, We think it will be an acceptable step in the Reformation.

It is the Judgment of this meeting that a revisal and perhaps Some alterations of some of our Queries might be Useful - The same is ordered to be inserted in the acct to the Quarterly meeting for their consideration.

The Queries & the Answers from the Upper and Lower House preparative meetgs (Uxbridge Answers not being present) with General Answers composed therefrom were read and an acct to the Quarterly meeting also read and approved of & signed by the Clerk - and Rufus Smith Job Scott, Caleb Greene, Benjamin Smith & Jacob Arnold are appointed Representatives to attend said Quarter.

Oziel Wilkinson & Thomas Lapham are appointed to prepare Certificates for Thomas and George Hazard who are gone to South Kingston to Settle.

Ezekiel Comstock one appointed to Collect friends Sufferings belonging to this meeting being Deceased, Elisha Thornton is appointed to supply that place.

Thomas Lapham Clerk

1779 } At our Monthly meeting held at Smithfield the 29th day of the 4th month 1779 The meeting being convenid. The Repr.s appearing from the Preparative meetgs are From Smithfield Upper House Jacob Arnold & George Comstock.
From Uxbridge Samuel Fowler and David Farnum.
From Smithfield Lower House Daniel Anthony & Augustus Lapham.

Daniel Allen and Presbery Sling appeared at this meeting with Certificate from Sandwich monthly meetg. mentioning their expectations of residing within the verge of this meeting the ensuing Season &c, which were read to satisfaction.

The Epistle from our last Quarterly meeting was read to good Satisfaction.

Joseph Congdon not bring in a Certificate to this meeting as was expected. The Committee, appointed are Still desired to endeavour that the matter be accommodated and Report to next monthly meeting.

One of the Comtee to stir up the negligent members to attend meetings Report that something further hath been done by them since last month but not yet compleated. Therefore they are continued to fulfil their appointment, and Report to next monthly meetg.

The Comtee to treat with Chad Smith Report that several of them have had further opportunity with him. Yet some friends thinks it best that the Committee endeavour to all meet with him Once more upon the Subject and Report to next monthly meetg. accordingly the same is referd.

The friends to assist some of the poor in placing out their children. Report that there is some prospect of placing out several of them. Therefore the Friends are continued for that service. and Report to next monthly meeting.

The Comtee to treat with Aaron Aldrich not having fulfilled their appointment. They are continued for the same. and Report to next mo.ly meetg.

The friends appointed Report that they attended the marriage of Joseph Southwick & according to their observation, it was consumated in a good degree orderly.

The friends appointed Report that Joseph Allen of Warwick hath been informed of his deniel and righ of appeal. and A Testimony of his deniel was read approved of and signd by the Clerk & lodged on file.

The Comtee respecting Richard Buffum. Report, that several of them have had further opportunity with him. But some of them who were not present at the last opportunity, desire a further opportunity with him. Therefore the same is referd to be reported to next monthly meeting.

The friends appointed presented a Certificate for Joseph Mitchell & Wife to Greenwich monthly meeting — the same being read is approved of & signd by the Clerk and sent to the womens meeting to be signd there.

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The friends appointed presented a few lines in dorsed on the back of a Certificate Thomas Hazard bro.t from Rhode Island to this meet.g in the 11th month also a Certificate for George Hazard Recommending both of them to the care of S.o Kingston monthly meeting which were approved of and Sign.d by the Clerk.

Smithfield upper House prepar.ve meeting informing that Ezekiel Comstock son of Joseph hath some time past served a turn as a soldier in the Army and that his Life and conversation in several other respects has not correspond ed with the profession we as a People make. There upon this meeting appoints Thomas Steere Adam Harkness Jonathan Howry & Rufus Smith a Com.tee to Labour with him in them respects and Report to next m.ly meet.g

The womens meeting inform that they have put from under their care Rhoda and Wait Jilson Elisabeth & Deborah Wilkinson.

also that they have accepted a Certificate from Sandwich m.ly meet.g Recommending Hannah Bowerman and daughter Peace to the care of this meeting.

Also that they had received a Certificate from Pembrook m.ly meet.g Recommending Remembrance Dillingham, wife of Thomas to the care of this meeting.

Uxbridge Prepar.ve meeting informing that John Wing had sent a paper to that meeting Concerning his Spreading a Scandulous report at North-Bridge for which he was convicted, before the Civil Authority. Whereupon this meeting appoints our friends Thomas Steere George Comstock, Thomas Arnold, Samuel Fowler, Jacob Arnold, and David Wadsworth a Com.tee to Inspect that matter and Report to next monthly meeting.

Thomas Eddy and Sarah Aldrich appeared in this meeting and Declared their Intentions of taking each other in marriage whereupon this meeting appoints ~~appoints~~ George Smith & Samuel Fowler to Inquire into his clearness in that Respect and Report to next monthly meet.g

This meeting appoints Augustus Lapham & Thomas Arnold overseers of the Poor, in addition to the other friends under that appointment.

Thomas Lapham Clk

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At our Monthly Meeting of friends held at Smithfield the 27th of the 5th month 1779 — The meeting being convened the Representatives appearing are
From Smithfield Upper House, George Smith & Rufus Smith
From Nabrege David Wadsworth & James Smith
From Smithfield Lower House Thomas Steere

Amos Baker who requested the care of friends at the Upper House preparative meeting, appearing in this meeting and still requesting the same our friends Thomas Steere, David Buffum, and Asa Smith are appointed to take a solid opportunity with him concerning the motive of his request and suitableness of being received under the care of friends and report to next monthly meeting

Reuben Blanchar who requested the care of friends at the Lower House Preparative meeting appeared in this meeting and still requesting the same our friends Rufus Smith John Walker Samuel Aldrich George Comstock William Bassett & Thomas Lapham are appointed to take a solid opportunity with him concerning the motive of his request and suitableness of being accepted a member of our Society and report to next monthly meeting

A Certificate from Greenwich Monthly meeting dated 5th Instant Recommending James, & David Greene to the care of this meeting and one of the same Date Recommending Benjamin Pearce Junr to the care of this meeting were read and accepted

The Comtee to stir up the negligent in attending meetings, not having further Laboured in that matter since last month They are continued to compleat the appointment and report to next monthly meetg

The Comtee to treat with Chad Smith Report that they have had an opportunity with him and thinks best that friends receive a Paper from him concerning his misconduct which being read, is accepted, and his misconduct passed by and he continued under the care of friends

The Comtee respecting Joseph Congdons getting a testificate from Stonington monthly meeting Report that they have Laboured in that matter But as there is no Certificate come from that meeting They are still continued to have the care thereof and report to next monthly meeting

The Comtee to assist the Poor in placing out their Children Report that some of them are out upon trial Therefore the Comtee is continued to take the necessary care and Report to next monthly meeting

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1779 7th 5th mo. The Comtee to Treat with Aaron Aldrich, not having completed their appointment. They are continued to fulfil the same and Report to next mo ly mgt.

The Comtee to Labour with Richard Buffum. Report that they have had an opportunity with him which was measurably to Satisfaction and they presented a paper from him Condemning the misconduct mentioned against him, the same being read is referd till the 8th mo to see how his conduct may be.

The Comtee to Labour with Ezekiel Comstock Report. That they have Laboured with him, and desire the meeting to continue that matter that they may have further opportunity. Therefore the same is referd to be reported to next monthly meeting.

The Comtee to Inspect the matter Respecting John Wing make Report which is accepted and is as follows.

We who were appointed a Comtee in the Case of John Wings Spreading a Scandulous Report have all taken an opportunity with him and some persons of the Neighbourhood together, and find that he did actually Spread a Report Charging things of a Scandulous and Criminal nature upon some unknown Persons. And it appears to us upon examination that there is great reason to fear that it was altogether groundless, and false

Thomas Steere
Samuel Fowler
Jacob Arnold
George Comstock
David Wadsworth
Thomas Arnold

This meeting being desirous that Sufficent Labour may be ~~bestowed~~ Extended in that case do continue said Comtee with George Smith, Robert Wilkinson and Moses Brown Added to them for that purpose and Report to next monthly meeting.

The Comtee to Inquire into the Clearness of Thomas Eddy. Report that by Inquiry they find nothing to hender his proceeding in marriage with Sarah Aldrich and he appearing in this meeting and Desiring an answer) Sarah Aldrich not being present by reason of Illness, but sent by writing Desiring an answer) whereupon their Intentions were approved of. And Samuel Fowler & George Smith are appointed to see the marriage Consumated & Report to next mo ly meeting.

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The Womens meeting inform that they have received a certificate from Sr. Mr. Greenwich monthly meeting. Recommending Mary Buffum wife of David and Daughter Hannah Greene to the care of this meeting.

And also a certificate from Salem Monthly meeting recommending Sarah Holder to the care of this meeting. And that they have accepted Amey Tillinghast & Abigail Harris members of our Society all which this meeting approves of.

Three of the Comtee continued in the 3d month to Labour with Joseph Cass, Report that they have had an opportunity with him, and think that he is not in a state suitable to make Satisfaction for marrying contrary to the good order of friends.

Therefore as he hath been long waited upon and several times Laboured with for his recovery, this meeting thinks best to disown him and he is hereby put from under the care of our Society as a member, until he shall make Satisfaction and Moses Farnum & Elisha Thornton are appointed to inform of his deniel and right of Appeal and draw a Testimony of his deniel and report to next monthly meeting.

A paper from Joseph Wing of Richmond condemning some misconduct of his Respecting a Negro man, was read in this meeting. Whereupon our friends Elisha Thornton William Buffum, Lawrance Southwick Junr. and Daniel Aldrich are appointed to take an opportunity with him concerning that matter and Report to next monthly meeting.

Smithfield Upper House preparve. meeting informing that they have raised for the poor £13.12..2.

The Preparve. meeting of Uxbridge have raised £9..1.. in paper & 2/..3d in Silver. which was ordered to be delivered to the Treasurer.

Moses Farnum Elisha Thornton, & Job Scott, Presented, an act of the suffering of friends in the year past. which was read approved of ~~[illegible]~~ (and a copy ordered to be transmitted to the meeting for Suffering.)

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Date 1778	whom taken from	by whom taken	Things taken	What taken for	Demand £	Value taken £ s.
mo. day 7-18	Amasa Gray of Providence	~~Martin Simmons~~ Wm. Rhodes by warrant from Council	Three large Calf Skins	for Non attendance as a Soldier 15 days	6 & Cost	9-10
about 7-27	Moses Brown of Ditto	Martin Simmons Collector of Rates & late High Sheriff	6 boxes of Sparmaceti Candles	For hiring a person by the Town council to go in his name on an expedition to Rhode Island - demand for which was £19..10 and for Town & Government taxes for the purpose of war - which he was not easy to pay - The Town Council & General Treasurer	the whole Demand 92..10	The Candles sold at Vandue for 155..1-7
		amounting to £73 warrants were from the		N B they being taken altogether he could not Seperate them		
10..17	Ditto	Wm. Rhodes High Sherriff Warnt. from Town Council	one Ditto	for the hire of a person to go on a second Expedition to Rhode Island in his Name	19-10	30-0
	Daniel Anthony of North Providence	Jona. Pike Town Serjt. warrant from Town Council dated 13th of August 1778	Two fat Steers	For the hire of a person in his Steed to go as a soldier in an Expedition against R Island	19-10	
				The Steers Sold as I am informd for upwards of		50-
9..8	David Buffum of Smithfield	David Aldrich Town Serjeant warrant Signd D Mowry Junr. Council Clerk	Two Cows	Said to be to pay a man for going on an Expedition to Rhode Island as a Soldier in his room	30	48-0
9..8	Thomas Lapham Jr. of Ditto	Ditto & one Cook for aid warrant from Ditto	one good Cow & 1 large yearling Bull & Heifer	for Ditto	30 & Cost	57-
9..8	Augustus Lapham of Ditto	by Ditto & Cook warrant from Ditto	two Cows	for Ditto	30	54-0
9 about the middle	Joseph Comstock of Ditto	by Ditto warrant from ditto	two Cows and two year and vantage heifers	for self and son not going as Soldiers when drafted	56	90-0
9..9	Joseph Farnum of ditto	Ditto warrant Signd ditto	a young Horse	for not appearing in an Expedition against Rhode Island	30 & Cost	60-0
10-20	George Comstock of ditto	~~one Cow one heifer 2 years old last Spring~~ Ditto warrant from Ditto	one Cow and one heifer 2 years old last Spring	on acct. of a man hired in his Steed to go as a soldier in the Expedition against R Island	30	45-
12-25	Samuel Arnold of ditto	by Ditto	one Cow	To pay for Soldiers hired for self & son about	20	25
1779 1..4	John Read of Ditto	by Ditto warrant Signd ditto	two Cows	for not going as a Soldier when Drafted	26	60

Date	whome taken from	by whome taken	Things taken	what taken for	Demand	Value taken
1778 9 day 9 .. 11	Adam Hartshorn Junr	by David Mdrich Town Sergeant warrant Sign^d D. Mowry Jus^t Council Clerk	one Cow	for the hire of a man to go as a soldier in his stead in an Expedition against Rhode Island	17-0	30-0
.. 19	Elihu Bowen of Situate	by John Pratt Dep^t Sheriff warrant Sign^d John Harris Council Clerk	one horse 2 Small Hacks hay	on acc^t of his sons non attendance as Soldiers when drafted to go to Rhode Island	33-6	75
about 9	Aza Arnold of Smithfield	by David Mdrich Town Sergeant warrant Sign^d Danl Mowry Junr Council Clerk	One Ox	For not Serving as a soldier in the Expedition against Rhode Island	30-0	50-0
about 1 mo 1779	Jonathan Arnold Junr of Ditto	by ditto warr^t from ditto	Two Cows	For Ditto	34-0	60-0
2-24 1778	Rufus Smith of Smithfield	by ditto warrant Sign^d ditto	one 3 year old Mare	For Ditto	27	60-0
1 mo 1779	William Buffum	by ditto warrant from ditto	one Cow & 1 Steer	For ditto	27	15-0
12-31 1778	Thomas Mowry Junr	by ditto warrant Sign^d ditto	one Cow	For ditto	26-0	30-0
1 1779	Jacob Arnold	by ditto warrant from ditto	one Cow 6 Sheep	For the hire of two men in stead of self and son to go in the Expedition against Rhode Island	44-0	56-0
1	George Arnold	by ditto warrant Sign^d ditto	one Horse	For the hire of a man to go in his stead as a soldier in ye Expedition ag^st R. Island	32-0	60-0
1	Jonathan Southwick	by ditto warrant Sign^d ditto	one Cow	For the hire of a man in his sons room as a Soldier	15-0	40-0
9 1778	Joseph Buffum	by ditto warrant Sign^d ditto	one Mare	For the hire of a man in his sons room as a Soldier	23	80-0
9	Benjamin Smith	by ditto warrant Sign^d ditto	one Cow & 1 heifer	For the hire of a man in his stead as a Soldier	30	43
12-31	Jonathan Mowry	by ditto warrant Sign^d ditto	two Cows	For ditto	27	60
1 1779	Robert Wilkinson	by ditto warrant Sign^d ditto	one Cow	For Ditto	22	36
9 1778	Jabez King	by ditto warrant Sign^d ditto	one yoak oxen	For the hire of men in stead of his two Sons as Soldiers	46	100
1 1779	Elisha Thornton	by ditto warrant Sign^d ditto	one Cow	For the hire of a man in his stead as a Soldier	12	36

The aforegoing Accts. the Substance of which being Signed by the Several Sufferers were Collected and Examined by Moses Farnum & Elisha Thornton & Job Scott a Comitee appointed for that purpose

Thomas Lapham Clk

1779 At our Monthly meeting of Friends held in Smithfield the 28th of the 6th month 1779 - The meeting being concerned the Representatives from the respective meetings are from Smithfield Upper House, Adam Harkness & Joseph Comstock.
From Uxbridge Samuel Fowler & Benedict Arnold
From Smithfield Lower House Thomas Steere and Caleb Greene.

The Comtee appointed Report that they have had an opportunity with Amos Baker and think it may be safe for friends to grant his request. Therefore he is accepted a member of our Society, under the care of this mthly meetg.

The Comtee appointed Report, that they have had an opportunity with Reuben Blanchet and he appearing sincere in his request, they tho't it might be safe for friends to grant the same. Therefore he is accepted under the care of this meeting as a member.

One of the Comtee to stir up the Negligent in attending meetings Report that they have not yet fulfilled that appointment. Therefore they are continued to fulfil the same & Report to next monthly meeting.

The matter respecting Joseph Congdon's bringing a Certificate from Southkingston not being yet settled the Comtee is still continued to have the care of the same; and Report to next monthly meeting.

By the Report of the Comtee to assist the poor in placing out their Children. It appears that their continuance may be Useful. Therefore they are desired to further assist in that matter & Report to next monthly meeting.

The Comtee appointed Report that they have had an opportunity with Aaron Aldrich (son of Jacob) and presented an acknowledgement from him directed to last monthly meeting, which being read, and the matter treated of in this meeting, and some friends mentioning that he hath been subject to drowsiness in meetings at times. Thereupon it is concluded to refer that matter and the Comtee with concerned friends are desired to further treat with him upon the subject of drowsiness as well as on the contents of the his acknowledgm and report to next monthly meeting.

The Comtee appointed Report that they have not had further opportunity with Ezekiel Comstock, since last monthly meeting. Therefore they are still continued to fulfil their appointment & Report to next mthly meeting.

The Comtee in the case of John Wing Report as follows viz! According to appointment we have visited John Wing, and laboured with him for his good and

1779 218 And such of us as were first of the Com.tee find no reason to alter our former
5th m.d Report, but some Circumstances appear which rather tend to confirm our sense of his Depraved State. And we are all of oppinion that our labour has but little Effect in his mind. And so Submit the case to the monthly meeting to dispose of as wisdom shall direct.

Thomas Steere	George Comstock	Moses Brown
Samuel Fowler	David Wadsworth	Robert Wilkinson
George Smith	Jacob Arnold	Thomas Arnold

Yet the meeting being Desirious to wait as long as may appear Useful do continue the Com.tee to have the care of that matter, in order to extend such further Labour as may appear to them best. And report to next m.ly meet.g

The friends appointed Report that they attended the marriage of Thomas Eddy. and according to their Observation it was consumated orderly.

The friends appointed Report that they have done nothing in the appointment Respecting Joseph Cass. Therefore they are continued for said Service. And Report to next monthly meet.g

The friends appointed to Treat with Joseph Wing, not having had an opportunity with him, as was expected. They are continued for the same and to Report to ~~next~~ the monthly meeting in the 8th month.

The Prepar.ve meeting of Uxbridge informing that John Martin appeared in their meeting and requested the care of Friends. and information being given to this meeting, that he was obliged to return home to Richmond and could not attend this meeting. Therefore that matter is referd to next monthly meeting.

Uxbridge Prepar.ve meeting informing that Moses Farnum had it on his mind to visit the Ensuing Yearly meeting at Philadelphia, This meeting approving thereof, gave him a few line sign.d by the Clerk.

Samuel Aldrich is desired to procure the reading of the Testimony of denial of Joseph Allen of Warwick, at the conclusion of friends meeting at Richmond. David Steere is desired to read that of John Walker Jn.r at the Close of a meeting Sectuate. Joseph Mosher that of Theophilus Southwick at the close of a meeting at Uxbridge. and all to make Return to next monthly meeting.

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6th m.o The Queries with the answers from the Preparative meeting, and the general Answers composed therefrom, were read, and an acc.to to the Quarterly meeting was approved of, and Signed by the Clerks and our friends Thomas Steere Benjamin Arnold Jabez Wing Rufus Smith the younger, Moses Farnum & Benedict Arnold, are appointed to attend the Quarterly meeting.

This meeting is Informed that friends at Scituate have concluded to hold their meeting on first days at the House that Nicholas Battey lives in, of which this meeting approves of and appoints the meetings to be held accordingly.

Benjamin Smith and Jon.a Arnold, are desired to Provide Horse keeping at the lower meeting House, for the ensuing Quarterly meeting & Report to a future meeting the cost thereof.

The Treasurer mentioning the State of the Treasury in this meeting, Upon which the Prepar.ve meetings are Desired to raise 200 pounds, and send to the Treasurer as soon as may be with convenienty.

Thomas Lapham Clk.

At our Monthly meeting held at Smithfield the 29th day of the 7th month 1779 - The meeting being convened the Rep.ry appear.g from the Prepar.ve m.gs are From Smithfield Upper House, Joseph Comstock & Seth Killey.

From Uxbridge, W.m Bassett and Samuel Aldrich.

From Smithfield lower House Oziel Wilkinson & Amasa Gray.

A few lines from Sandwich Monthly meet.g dated the 4th last month mentioning their approbation of Walter Allen and Isaac Howland, working at Smithfield this present season, were read in this meeting and approved of.

The matter refer.d to this meeting respect.g John Martins requesting the care of friends was Considered, and he appearing and still requesting the care of friends. Thereupon Benjamin Arnold, Moses Farnum, Adam Harkness George Comstock and Rufus Smith, are appointed to take a Solid opportunity with him, concerning the motive of his request, and Suitableness of being taken under the care of friends, and Report to next monthly meeting.

Several of The Com.tee to stir up the negligent in attending meetings, Report that they have made some further progress in that appointment, and Still think more Labour

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might be usefully extended. Therefore the Comtee is continued to proceed further in that service. And report to next monthly meeting.

The Epistle from our last Quarterly meeting, with the Transcripts therein mentioned ~~therein~~, were all read to good Satisfaction.

The Comtee in the Case of Joseph Congdon Report that they are in Expectation that the matter will soon be accomodated. Yet the Comtee is continued to have the necessary care and Report to next mo ly meeting.

The Comtee Respecting the Poor Report that ~~they~~ none of the Children have been placed out since last month. Therefore the Comtee is continued for the service appointed. And to report to next monthly meeting.

The friends appointed in the matter of Aaron Aldrich, Report that they have had an opportunity with him, and desire the same to be continued therefore that matter is referd under their care. They to report to next monthly meeting.

The Comtee all but one to Labour with Ezekiel Comstock Report that they have had further opportunity with him and that he does not appear in a suitable disposion to make friends Satisfaction, for his misconduct mentioned in a minute of the 4th month last. Therefore he is hereby excluded from having a right of membership among us, until he shall make Satisfaction, by living a life more agreeable to our proffession which we desire he may. and our friends William Buffum & Elisha Thornton are appointed to inform him of the above conclusion & right of appeal. And report to next monthly meeting.

The matter respecting John Wing being considered in this meeting It is thot best to refer the same. and the Comtee to Report to next mo ly meetg.

Samuel Aldrich, David Steere, and Joseph Mosher Report that the several Testimonies committed to their care, were read at the places appointed last mo ly meetg.

The friends appointed Respecting Joseph Cass Report that they wrote a letter to him containing the Information they were appointed to communicate and delivered the same to his father, which they have no doubt hath been carefully delivered. They also presented a Testimony of his deniel which being read, and some alterations made was approved of and signd by the Clerk, and ordered to be lodged on file.

Our

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Our Certificate to Swanzy monthly meeting the 26th of the 3d month last for David Brayley & Wife being returned for same further addition. the same being considered a New Certificate drawn read and approved of & Sign'd by the Clerk.

Solomon Height produced a Certificate from Nine partner monthly meeting signifying his clearness respecting marriage engagements among them, which was read to Satisfaction, after which he and Elisabeth Southwick appeared in this meeting and declared their Intentions of taking each other in marriage. the same having been laid before the preparative meeting at Uxbridge. They were desired to to come to next monthly meeting for an Answer.

Smithfield lower House preparative meeting informing that Joseph Harris desires a Certificate to Nantucket, Signifying his clearness respect'g marriage engagements among us. Thereupon Thomas Arnold & Thomas Lapham are appointed to Inquire into that matter and Report to next monthly meet'g.

Smithfield Upper House preparative meeting Informing that they have raised for the use of the monthly meeting £ 58..1..3½
four shilling 3d ½ penny thereof being in silver.

Uxbridge Inform that they have raised 43..4..0

The Lower House Inform that they have Raised 95..6..0

of thereof in Silver £ 196..11..3½

Jabez Wing informing this meeting that he proposes to visit his relations at the Nine partners and there about with in that Quarter and Signifying his approved lines. This meeting concurring with his proposed visit Direct the Clerk to give him a copy of this minute of this meeting to which he belongs as a member.

Thomas Lapham Clerk

At Our Monthly meeting of Friends held at Smithfield the 26th day of the 8th month 1779. The meeting being convened. The Rep'ts appear'g from the prepar've mys are
From Smithfield Upper House Rufus Smith & Joseph Bassett.
From Uxbridge Joseph Aldrich and Asa Smith.
From Smithfield Lower House Rufus Smith the younger and Daniel Anthony.

Our Friend Edward Hallock produced a Copy of a minute from Nine partner monthly meeting Dated 20th Instant signifying their unity with him as a member and his attending this meeting. which was read to Satisfaction.

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8th mo The Com.tee to treat with John Martin Report that they have had an opportunity with him, and that he appeared sincere in his request, and that it might be be safe to grant the same. There upon this meeting accepts him under the care of our Society as a member.

It does not appear that the Com.tee to treat with the negligent mattending meetings have done any thing in that appointment since last m.ly meeting Therefore they are desired to proceed therein and Report to next m.ly meeting.

A Certificate from S.t Kingston m.ly meet.g for Joseph Congdon a wife & Children was read in this meeting and refer.d to next m.ly meet.g for Consideration.

The Com.tee to assist the poor in placing out their Children Report, that there appears a prospect of some of them being placed out. Therefore the Com.tee is continued to have the necessary care and report to this meeting in the 11.th month or sooner if necessary.

It appearing that the Com.tee to treat with Aaron Aldrich have not had an opportunity with him. Therefore they are continued to fulfil their appointment. And Report to next m.ly meeting.

The Com.tee appointed Report that they have Informed Ezekiel Comstock of his appointment according to appointment.

The Com.tee appointed Report that they have made Inquiry and don't find but Joseph Harris is Clear of marriage Engagements among us. Thereupon this meeting gave a Certificate to Van Tuckett m.ly meet.g signifying the same which was sign.d by the Clerks.

Solomon Wright and Elisabeth Southwick appeared in this meeting and received their answer in order for marriage. Our friends Noles Farnum & David Buffum, are appointed to see the same consumated and report to next monthly meeting.

Ephraim Allen Produced a Certificate from the monthly meeting at Dover dated 21.st of this Instant signifying his clearness Respecting marriage Engagements among them, which was read to satisfaction. After which he and Lillis Brown appeared and declared their Intentions of taking each other in marriage and were desired to come to next m.ly meet.g for an Answer. The same having been laid before the preparative meeting of Uxbridge.

The Com.tee to Labour with John Wing Report which being accepted is as follows. We agreeable to appointment have visited John Wing and Labour.

1779 Laboured with him to bring him to a sense of his standing under the Reproach
8th mo. he hath occasioned to the truth; and the Society, having no occasion to Report
to alter our former Report — But our labour therein hath not, to our sorrow,
had that effect on his mind, we might have reasonably hoped, nor do we find
encouragement enough to Enduce us to think it best to further Treat with him
as a Com^tee and are therefore discouraged from further visiting him on the Occasion — Which we Submit to the meeting.

Samuel Fowler — Thomas Arnold
George Smith — Moses Brown
David Wadsworth — Jacob Arnold
George Comstock, — Robert Wilkinson

The further proceedings thereon is refer^d to next m^ly meeting for consideration

The Upper House prepar^ve meeting Informing that they have raised in addition to the last m^ly meet^g Subscription the sum of . . . . . £8 . 5 . 8

Uxbridge also Inform that they have raised in addition the sum of 7 . 17 . 0

The Overseers Inform that there is due to the Widow of Samuel Stephens lately deceased the sum of £58 . 10 . 0 for her and her Husbands keeping a poor friend from Rhode Island, which is allow^d by this meeting, and an order on the meeting for Sufferings, for said sum was given, Thomas Arnold, & sign^d, by the Clk

A few lines were Indorsed on the back of the minutes Edward Hallock produced Signifying our Satisfaction with his company and service in this meeting which was sign^d by the Clk

All the other business of this meeting is refer^d to next m^ly meeting

Thomas Lapham Clk

At Our monthly meeting of friends held at Smithfield the 30th of the 8th month 1779 The meeting being convened the Rep^s from the Prepar^ve meetings are
From Smithfield upper House George Smith and Jacob Bartlet
From Uxbridge Samuel Fowler and Joseph Mosher
From Smithfield Lower House John Holden & Joseph Barnum

Samuel Bowen who requested the care of friends at Uxbridge Preparative meeting appearing in this meeting and still requesting the same, our friends Elisha Thornton, Daniel Aldrich & Joseph Mosher are appointed to take a solid opportunity with him concerning the motive of his request, and suitableness of being a member of our Society — & Report to next m^ly meeting

Uxbridge

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9th m.

Uxbridge preparative meeting informing by their minute of last month that Jonathan Cass (son of Daniel) hath transgressed the rule of our Society in consumating marriage out of the order of friends, and the matter being spoken to by several friends some of whom were desirous to speak with him before the meeting acted further therein. Therefore the same is refer.d to next m.ly meeting in order to give them an opportunity.

Smithfield Lower House prepar.ve meeting informing by their minute of last month. That Aaron Southwick late of Scituate but now residing in Coventry did some time past inlist and went into the Army as a Soldier. Whereupon this meeting ~~appoints~~ concludes, (as the said conduct is so contrary to our profession) to disown him without further Labour, he having been previously advised to the Contrary. Therefore he is hereby put from under the care of our Society as a member until he shall make satisfaction for the same.

And David Steere Walter Walker, are appointed to inform him of his deniel and right of appeal. And report to next m.ly meeting.

Smithfield Lower House preparative meeting informing by their minute of last month that Benjamin Howland (son of Samuel of Scituate) now residing at Spencer or there abouts hath almost wholly neglected the attendance of our Religious meetings and associated with vain and unprofitable Company, and been concerned in horse rasing; Whereupon our friends Thomas Owen Samuel Fowler & David Warnum are appointed to labour with him for his recovery and report to next monthly meeting.

The matter refer.d at the 5th m.o respecting Richard Buffum, being considered in this meeting and several friends of the Neighbourhood expressing that they have not heard, but that his conduct hath been orderly. Yet as some friends being desireous that the meeting might be more fully informed concerning his conduct of late. The matter is refer.d to next monthly meeting, to be under the care of concern.d friends of the meeting he belongs to.

The Com.tee Respecting Joseph Wing appointed in the 5th m.o Report that they have had an opportunity with Him and that he appears Sincere in his Acknowledgment which he having now drafted with some alterations, the same being now read is to Satisfaction. And John Martin is desired to procure the

Same

1779 same to be read at the close of a meeting at Richmond and make return to this meeting
9th mo when finished

The Comtee to Treat with the negligent members in attending meetings not being all present they are desired to report to next monthly meeting.

The matter respecting Joseph Congdon's Certificate being considered, and as his son Benjamin's name is inserted in the Certificate, who appears to be of age before the date thereof, and he not living within the verge of this meeting. That with some other circumstances, respecting the Certificate, Induces this meeting to send the same back which was done by a few lines Indorsed on the back of the Certificate Signd by the Clerk.

A Certificate to the monthly meeting of the Nine partners, Recommending Elisabeth Height to their care as a member & a minister, Also that her neice Elisabeth Read hath a right of membership in our Society was read approved of and signd by the Clk and sent to the womens meeting to be signd there.

The Comtee to Labour with Aaron Aldrich, Report that they have had an opportunity with him and think that his State of mind is such that it may be best for friends to receive the Acknowledgment sent to this meeting in the 5th month last. Therefore this meeting accepts the same and passes by his misconduct and continues him under the care of friends, and David Farnum is desired to read the acknowledgment at the close of a meeting at Uxbridge & Report to next mly mgt.

Ephraim Allen and Lillis Brown appeard in this meeting, and ~~declared~~ Received their answer in order for marriage. Jabez Wing and Thomas Lapham are appointed to see the same consummated and report to next monthly meeting.

The Womens meeting inform that they have accepted Lucy Harris Judith Bartlet, Ann Man and Sarah Scott, members of our Society of which this meeting approves.

The matter respecting John Wing being read and the meeting having sat long the same is again referd to the Consideration of next mly meeting.

The Queries with the answers from the Preparative meetings and the general Answers composed there from were Read. The General Answers were inserted in an accto to the Quarterly meeting which was approved of & signd by the Clerk. Our friends Daniel Anthony Samuel Fowler Jonathan Arnold Rufus Smith & Joseph Mosher are appointed representatives to the Quarterly meeting and mentioned in the Accto.

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Smithfield Upper House Prepar.ve meeting Inform that they have raised in addition to the last Subscription, ordered by the monthly meeting the sum of 4 pounds in paper & 6/ in Silver — and the preparative meeting before raised £8.0.0

The matter from Uxbridge Preparative meeting respecting dismissing Benedict Arnold from the place of an overseer of the poor — Is referd to next monthly meeting.

A Letter from the Quarterly meetings Committee respecting Schools was read and agreeable to the request therein We appoint, Benjamin Arnold, Thomas Lapham, and Rufus Smith to meet & Confer with said Committee agreeable to their Request.

Thomas Lapham Clk

At Our Monthly meeting of friends held at Smithfield the 28th of the 10th month 1779 The meeting being convened the Repsts appearing from the preparative meetings are From Smithfield Upper House Geo Smith & Ananias Howry — from Uxbridge David Wadsworth & Jaazaniah Barrett — from Smithfield Lower House Oziel Wilkinson & Joseph Randall —

The Printed General Epistle from the Yearly meeting held in London last 5th month was read in this meeting to good Satisfaction.

The Committee Respecting Samuel Bowens requesting the care of Friends report, that they have had an opportunity with him, and think best that the same be referd for consideration — Therefore the same is referd to next monthly meeting under the care of the said Committee they then to report.

The matter Referd to this meeting respecting Jonathan Cass's marrying out of the good order of Friends, being considered — and several friends mentioning that they have had further conversation with him, and think that he does not appear in a State of mind Suitable to make Satisfaction for his said transgression — Therefore this meeting denies unity with him — and hereby puts him from under the care of Friends as a member — until he shall make Satisfaction — and Jon.a Sweet & George Comstock, are appointed to inform him of his Denial and right of appeal — and Draw a Testimony of his denial — and Report to next monthly meeting.

Walter

1779 10th m^o Walter Walker informed this meeting by writing that he and David Steere have been to Jonathan Southwicks to inform his son Aaron according to appointment. But he being gone some distance from home, They did not inform him. Therefore they are continued for that service. & Report to next monthly meeting.

Two of the Com^tee to Labour with Benjamin Howland, Report that they have had an opportunity with him. and that he owned that he had been in the Transgression mentioned against him. and rather Justified the same. and did not desire friends to continue him under their care. Therefore this meeting doth hereby put him from under the care of friends as a member, until he shall make satisfaction. And our friends John Walker and Augustus Lapham, are appointed to inform him of his deniel and right of appeal. and draw a Testimony of his deniel. and report to next monthly meeting.

The matter from last monthly meeting respecting Richard Buffum is again refer^d. and Elisha Thornton, Adam Harkness are desired to make further enquiry into his conduct of late. and Report to next monthly meeting.

The Com^tee to treat with the negligent members in attending meetings not being ready to report their proceedings therein. They are desired to Report to next monthly meeting.

David Farnum Reports that he read the paper from Aaron Aldrich according to appointment.

The com^tee Reports that the marriage of Ephraim Allen, was consummated in a good degree orderly.

The matter of John Wing was considered. and as some friends were desireous to pay him a visit the same is referd for them to have an opportunity with him and the matter is left for the determination of next monthly meeting.

Jonathan Southwick and Elisabeth ~~Buffum~~ Comstock appeared in this meeting and declared their intentions of takeing each other in marriage. Where upon our friends Jabez Wing & George Smith are appointed to Inquire into his clearness in that respect. and Report to next monthly meeting.

The matter respecting Benedict Arnold's being dismist from the place of an overseer of the poor. was considered, and he is accordingly dismist. and Samuel Aldrich is appointed to supply his place.

And Daniel Aldrich desired also to be dismist from the place of an overseer of the poor. and accordingly he is dismist. and Benj^a. Buffum, and Seth Aldrich are

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are appointed to the place of overseers of the poor.

Nathan Breed desiring a Certificate to Return to Lynn, our friends George Smith & Elisha Thornton are desired to enquire into his circumstances & Report to next monthly meeting.

The matters from Uxbridge prepar.ve meeting is refer.d to the Consideration of next monthly meet.g

The Epistle from our last Quarterly meeting was read to Satisfaction and agreeable to the Recommendation there in the Preparative meetings are desired to contribute in their freedom towards supplying the yearly meeting Treasury and send the same to next monthly meet.g

David Buffum who with Moses Farnum were appointed to see the marriage of Solomon Height Consumated and both being necessarily absent from last monthly meeting. David being now present Reports that the Marriage was consumated orderly.

Thomas Lapham Clerk

At Our Monthly meeting of friends held in Smithfield 25th 11th month 1779 The meting being convened the Rep.ts from the prepar.ve m.gs are From Smithfield Upper House, William Buffum & Rufus Smith.
From Uxbridge, David Wadsworth and David Farnum.
From Smithfield Lower House Daniel Anthony and David Steere.

A Certificate from S.o Kingston, dated 27th 9th m.o recommend.g Joshua Rathbone who is placed with in the verge of this meeting, was read and accepted.

David Mowry who requested the care of friends at Smithfield upper House prepar.ve meeting appearing in this meeting and still requesting the same our friends Moses Farnum William Buffum Moses Brown and Benedict Arnold are appointed to take a Solid opportunity with him concerning the motive of his request & Suitableness of being a member of our Society and Report to next m.ly meeting.

The friends appointed Report in substance as follows, viz. that they have had several opportunities with Lemuel Bowen and think that he is Sincere in his request and that it may be best for friends to grant the same. Therefore he is accepted a member of this meeting.

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1779 11th mo. — The friends appointed Report that they find nothing to hinder Jonathan Southwick from proceeding in marriage, with Elizabeth ~~Buffum~~ Comstock as proposed and they appearing in this meeting and Rec.d their answer in order for marriage — and Jabez Wing and Moses Farnum are appointed to see the same consumated and Report to next monthly meeting.

John Fulsom produced a Certificate from Dover monthly meeting signifying his clearness from Marriage Engagement among them — and he and Mary Fowler appeared in this meeting and declared their Intentions of taking each other in marriage — the same having been before Uxbridge preparative meeting. They were desired to come to next monthly meeting for an Answer.

Caleb Greene and Mary Comstock appeared in this meeting and declared their Intentions of taking each other in marriage, the same having been mentioned in the preparative meet.g at Smithfield upper House — They were desired to come to next monthly meeting for an Answer — and Moses Brown & Daniel Anthony are appointed to inquire in to his clearness in respect of marriage — & Report to next m.ly meeting.

This meeting gave a Certificate Recommending Hatsell, Judith, Isaac, Willis, and Ruth Killey (Children of Isaac Killey) to the care of the monthly meeting at East Hoosuck, Sign.d by the men & womens Clerks.

David Sands produced a certificate from the nine partner monthly meeting dated 29.d 5th month 1778. and the same was read to satisfaction and his Service as well as that of his companion Solomon Underhill were to our mutual Comfort and Satisfaction.

The meeting Adjourns to the 10th hour to morrow morning.

26th. day met by adjournment. The Representatives being called were all present. The two matters from Uxbridge preparative meeting Refer.d last month, Respecting Burying ground and fencing the Brick meeting House Lot being now considered, our friends, Rufus Smith David Buffum Jabez Wing Samuel Fowler Daniel Anthony, Oziel Wilkinson, David Farnum and Amasa Gray, are appointed to Inspect the several meeting places within this monthly meeting, where it is tho.t there wants Land purchased or an alteration made respecting burying grounds, also to consider of the matter of fencing the said meeting house Lot — and consider of the request of Benj.a Gaskill for his Child Hosea to be taken under the care of friends

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11th m^o^ George Comstock Reports that he and Jon^a^ Sweet have endeavourd to fulfil

430 their appointment Respecting Jonathan Cass, but have not compleated the same Therefore they are continued for said service & Report to next m^o^ly m^g^t.

The friends by reason of sickness in one of their families have not compleated their appointment Respecting Aaron Southwick Therefore they are continued for said service & Report to next monthly meet^g^.

John Walker and Augustus Lapham Report, That Benjamin Howland living at such a distance that they have not Inform^d^ him, as appointed Therefore they are continued for said service & Report to next m^o^ly meet^g^.

The friends appointed to Inspect Richard Buffum's conduct Report, that they Inspected and find ~~his~~ it not to be fully satisfactory Therefore they are continued and George Comstock and Robert Wilkinson are added to them for further Inspection & Labour & Report to next m^o^ly meet^g^.

The following Report was read and accept^d^ and is as follows (viz)

We of the Com^tee^ Appointed to visit and Stir up ~~the~~ such as were negligent in the attendance of our Religious Meetings; have visited most of them that we apprehended, came within the meaning of our appointm^t^: the greatest part of whom gave us some (and a few considerable Incouragement of more care and diligence for the future; And none of them appearing so obstinate as we tho^t^ best to point them out in a particular manner, but as some have not made much if any progress since our visit to them we consider them and others under the care of Society as before our Appointment

the 9th of the 11th m^o^ 1779 Thomas Steere Amasa Gray
Elisha Thornton Joseph Harris

The Friends who were desirious to visit John Wing last month, Report, that they took a Solid opportunity with him, and after a long conference he was brot into a State of Trembling and continuing there in for some time, he confest that he did falsly, and Injuriously accuse some unknown parsons of abusing him in a Shameful manner and had said and told many untruths in order to confirm the said false accusations

Therefore this meeting thinks best to further visit him and appoints Adam Harkness Augustus Lapham, Oziel Wilkinson David Steere and

and Caleb Greene for that service — and they to report to next monthly meeting the State of his mind, and what they think best to be done in that matter.

The friends appointed, report that they Inquired into the Circumstances of Nathan Breed, and dont find but that he hath settled his affairs to Satisfaction and is clear from any marriage Ingagements among us. A Certificate signifying the same to Salem mthly meeting was read approved of and Signd by the Clk.

Moses Farnum return'd the Certificate he had from this meeting in the 6th mo, to attend Philadelphia yearly meeting with several Indorsments thereon, Signify friends unity with his small Circular visit in the western parts.

Certificates for our friends, David Sands & Solomon Underhill, Directed to the Nine partners and Westbury mthly meetings where they belong, Signifying our Satisfaction with their company & Service at our meeting yesterday the same were signed by the Clk.

Moses Farnum requested a Certificate in order to Join in a visit with our Friend Abraham Griffith from Pennsylvania to friends of Salem Quarter which was granted and signd by the Clk.

Our friend Lawrance Southwick Junr. informd this meeting that he proposes a Journey to the Oblong and Nine partners to visit his Relations of which this meeting approves, and desires the Clerk to furnish him with a Copy of this minute.

Our friend Benedict Arnold Informd this meeting that he proposed a Journey to the Oblong and Nine partners to visit his relations, of which this meeting approves and directs the Clerk to furnish him with a Copy of this minute.

Thomas Arnold presented an acct of £ 95 .. 13 .. 9, as overseer of the poor for balance due for keeping Robert Winpenny a poor friend from Rhode Island. the same having past the Audit this meeting approves thereof and indorsed the same, with an order on the meeting for Sufferings for the sum due.

This meeting Received a few lines from a Comtee of Hoosack and Saratoga monthly meeting, Signifying their Inspection into and approbation of Benjamin Laphams State of mind, Respecting making this meeting Satisfaction upon which this meeting proposed an acknowledgment for him to Sign and desires the Clerk to forward the same the first opportunity.

Nathan

1779 11th m. 1779 Nathan Comstock, wrote this meeting by way of the Preparative meeting Respecting his makeing satisfaction, for the matter he was disown'd for the same being read our friends Rufus Smith George Arnold & Caleb Greene are appointed to confer with him upon the Subject and Report to next monthly meeting

A few line was Indorsed on the back of the Certificate Presbery Wing Bro't from Sandwich m'ly meeting Signyfying his orderly manner of Conduct the short time he resided among us Sign'd by the Clerk

Smithfield upper House preparative meeting Informing that they have Subscribed for Yearly meeting stock £ 28 . 14 . 0

Smithfield Lower House the sum of . . . . . 63 . 3 . . three shillings thereof Silver

Uxbridge. None . Yet they are still desired to Contribute in their freedom and send to our next monthly meet'g

The overseers of the Poor Inform that there is the sum of £ 200 of paper Currency, now wanting to pay for the support of the poor the Preparative meet'gs are desired to raise the same and send an acc't to next monthly meeting after which friends are desired to make their subscriptions in hard money or produce

A Letter from the Quarterly meetings School Com'tee was read to satisfaction and this meeting having here to fore hit upon and proceeded measurably in the way therein Directed The School Com'tee of this meeting is desired to comply therewith as fully as the Circumstances of our Situation may admit of

Tho Lapham Clk

At Our Monthly meeting of friends held at Smithfield the 30th of the 12th month 1779 The meeting being convend The Rep'ts from the Preparative meetings are From Smithfield upper House. Geo: Comstock & Elisha Thornton From Uxbridge None.
From Smithfield Lower House Benjamin Arnold

The Clerk being absent through Indisposition of Body George Arnold is appointed to supply his place at this Time

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Two of the Com.tee Respecting David Mowry's requesting the care of friends, Report in behalf of the whole. That they have had an opportunity with him, and think it may be safe to receive him under the care of Friends. Thereupon he is accepted a member of this meeting.

The Friends appointed Report that they have made the necessary Enquiry into the Clearness of Caleb Greene ~~respecting marriage~~ and dont find any thing to hender his proceeding in marriage with Mary Comstock.

and they appearing in this meeting Rec.d their Answer in order for marriage. George Comstock & Elisha Thornton are appointed to see ~~the~~ the same consumated and Report to next monthly meeting.

The Com.tee Respect.g buriel Ground the Brick meeting House Lot and Benj.n Gaskills ~~Child~~ Request for his Child not being ready to Report the same is refer.d to next monthly meeting they then to report.

George Comstock Reports that he and Jonathan Sweet have Endeavoured to fulfil their appointment respecting Jonathan Cass; but have not complated the same. Therefore they are still continued for that Service, & Report to next monthly meeting.

The Com.tee Respecting Richard Buffum Report That they think best the matter be refer.d to next monthly meeting. The same is accordingly refer.d The Com.tee Then to report.

Oziel Wilkinson one of the Com.tee to further visit John King Report that they have all but one had an opportunity with him and the State of his mind not being to Satisfaction they think best that the same be refer.d to next m.ly meeting. accordingly the same is Refer.d under their care they then to Report

The Com.tee appointed to have an opportunity with Nathan Comstock, Respecting his purchasing Land at East Hoosuck in the manner he did. Report that they have had an opportunity with him and have produced a paper of Acknowledgment from him with which we are Satisfied provided Friends at Hoosuck monthly meeting are Satisfied with his Life and conversation.

Whereupon this meeting appoints George Comstock to write to the monthly Meeting at East Hoosuck Respecting said matter & Report when accomplished.

The Meeting Adjourns to the 11th hour to morrow.

The meeting met by adjournment.

Thomas Steere a Representative from the lower House preparative attended at this time.

This meeting Rec.d a Number of Printed Epistles from the Yearly meet.g of London

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London; by way of the meeting for Sufferings, one of which is ever-
ed to be Handed down to each particular meeting to be read at some
suitable Time.

Smithfield upper house prepar^{ve} meet^g. Informing that they have raised £ 66.18.6
~~[illegible]~~ 1/6 thereof in Silver.

The acc^t from the lower House inform that they have rais^d 76.10..0
Two shillings thereof in Silver. all which is deliverd to the Treasurer

The Prepar^{ve} meeting of Uxbridge not having compleated their Subscrip-
tion are desired to compleat the same as also to Subscribe within
Freedom in order to supply the Yearly meeting stocks and send an
acc^t to next monthly meeting without further delay.

This meeting appoints Thomas Steere Benjamin Smith, Ozil
Wilkinson David Farnum and Elisha Thornton, a Com^{ee} to confer
with the womens Com^{tee} Respecting the best method of supporting poor
women Friends. and report their Judgment thereon within
two months or Sooner if convenient.

This meeting Recommends to the Several Preparative meetings
to Subscribe in their Freedom in hard money or produce in order to
supply their Necessities of the poor and send up an acc^t to next monthly meeting

It being proposed in this meeting whether it might not be best to have a
a monthly Collection. and friends not being fully satisfied respecting it
Therefore it is refer^d to next monthly meeting for Consideration.

The friends appointed some time past to assist the overseers of the poor in placing out Poor
Children, Report which is accepted and is as follows.

We being appointed by the monthly meeting some time past to assist the
overseers of the poor in placing out such Children of poor friends as might ap-
pear necessary, hereby inform the meeting that one Child is placed at George
Arnold's for one year by consent of her Parents and Friends in Trial.
And one to Joseph Southwicks on such Terms as Friends shall hereafter
judge equitable. and seeing no prospect of any thing further being done
at present we desire to be dismist from said appointment.

The Com^{tee} is dismist according to their Request.

Rufus Smith
Jacob Arnold
George Comstock

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1779 12 mo. The matter from Uxbridge Preparative meeting respecting a paper concerning Benjamin Aldrich the paper being absent the overseers Inform as follows — That he hath for some time been in the practice of placing his children from among Friends as also bound one by Indenture (as he confessed) to one not of our Society — Whereupon this meeting appoints our Friends Rufus Smith William Buffum, Asa Smith & Jaazaniah Barrett to visit and Labour with him on the acct. — And Report to next monthly meeting —

This meeting Recd. a minute from the meeting for Suffering Recommending Subscriptions for John Churchmans Journals — Thereupon Joseph Mosher — George Comstock and Job Scott are appointed to procure Subscriptions — and Transmit the same to the meetg for Suffering within the time mentioned in said minute —

The Queries and answers from the several Preparative meetings with general Answers composed therefrom were read approved of & the general answers inserted in the Acct. to the Quarterly meeting which was approved of and Signd by the Clerk — George Comstock, Moses Brown, Benjamin Arnold & Jaazaniah Barrett are appointed Representatives therein —

All the other Business which would come in Course before this meeting is Referd to next monthly meeting —

George Arnold Clerk this Time

At Our monthly meeting of Friends held at Smithfield the 27th day of the first month 1780 — The meetg being convind. The Representatives appearg from the Prepar. meetings are From Smithfield Upper House Joseph Buffum & Adam Harkness Jr.
From Uxbridge William Bassett & Asa Smith —
From Smithfield Lower House Amasa Gray and John Walker —

Our Friend Abraham Griffith attended this meeting on a Religious visit — his Certificate from Haverford monthly meeting in the County of Chester in Pennsylvania — dated 12th. 10th. month last was read to good Satisfaction —

Lovel Pulsepher who requested the care of Friends at Uxbridge preparative meeting in last month — appearing in this meeting meeting and still requestg the same our Friends Moses Farnum George Comstock, Elishu Thornton David Farnum, & Jona. Arnold Jurn. are appointed to take a solid opportunity with him concerning the motive of his Request — and Suitableness of being a member

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of being a member of our Society — & Report to next monthly meetg.

The friends appointed to see the marriage of Jonathan Southwick consumated. Report that they attended the same, and it appeared to be conducted in an Orderly manner.

John Fulsom appeared, and Requested an Answer Respecting his proceeding in marriage with Mary Fowler (she not being present on acct. of the difficulty of Traveling, but desired an answer by writing) Therefore this meeting permits them to proceed in marriage according to the good order of friends — and Samuel Aldrich and David Farnum are appointd. to see the same Consumated — & Report to next monthly meeting.

By Reason of the difficulty of Travelling the Friends have not fulfild. their appointment Respecting Aaron Southwick — They are desired to compleat the same, and report to next monthly meeting.

The friends appointed have not fulfild. their appointment respecting Benjamin Howland (by reason as above) — They are desired to compleat the appointment — and Report to next monthly meeting.

The friends appointed report that the marriage of Caleb Greene was consumated in an orderly manner.

all but but of The friends appointed respectg. burying ground &c, Report which was Read but not being fully to Satisfaction. The same is referd. under the care of the whole Comtee. for further consideration. & they to Report to next mthly. meetg.

George Comstock Reports that he wrote to Jona. Cass Respecting his denial &c but not having any particular notice back the same is referd. to next monthly meeting.

The Comtee. Respecting Richard Buffum not all Being present the same is referd. to next monthly meeting.

The Comtee. Respecting John Wing (through the difficulty of Travelling) have not had further opportunity, Since our last monthly meetg., Therefore they are continued — and to Report to next monthly meeting.

Uxbridge Preparative meeting Informs that they have raised for the yearly meetg. £ 4 0 [illegible] paper and 5/ [illegible] hard money — And for the use of the mthly meetg. £ 3 2 [illegible] paper and 4/ in Silver — towards the 200. ordered to be raised

The Comtee. appointed to confer with the Womens Comtee. concerning the Poor Report — And the same is referd. to next monthly meeting for consideration.

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1780 1st mo. The preparative meetings Inform that they have Subscribed as follows for the Use of the monthly meeting. 237

The Upper House £2..18..2½ hard money & 6 Bushels of Grain.
Uxbridge . . 2..8.. hard money & 8 Bushels speck Corn & speck Beans.
Smithfield Lower House 6..9..1 Ditto & 1½ Bushels corn.

The Proposals from last month concerning Collections being considered surfrd. I Steere Moses Farnum, Benjamin Arnold, Benjamin Smith David Buffum & Thomas Lapham are appointed to consider of the Proposals & Report to next mo.ly meetg.

The matter concerning Benjamin Aldrich is referd to next monthly meetg. the Comtee not having been upon that matter, by reason of the dificulty of Travelling

Uxbridge Preparative meeting Informing that Samuel Rodman desires a Certificate to Nantucket Signifying his clearness from marriage engagements among us. Thereupon Antipas Earll & Samuel Merrick are desired to make the Necessary Inquiry & Report to next mo.ly meetg.

Smithfield Lower House Preparative meetg Informing that John Arnold hath of late at least attended one place of merriment and Frolicking has very much declined the use of the plain Languagie and used the common compliments of the World and too much neglected the attendance of our Religious meetings. Thereupon our friends George Comstock, Robert Wilkinson Thomas Lapham Caleb Greene & Elisha Thornton are appointed to Labour with him for his recovery & Report to next monthly meeting.

Benedict Arnold and Lawrence Southwick Junr. Returnd their Certificates or few lines they had from this meeting in the 11th month last with Indorsements thereon from Nine Partners Monthly meeting Signifying their attending that meeting & their company being acceptable.

The two matters from the Lower House Preparative meeting not acted on are referd to next mo.ly meeting.

Amasa Gray Presented an acct. of £163..5/ Expended on the poor from Rhode Island the same is approved of and Certified to the meeting for Sufferings by a few lines Sign by the Clerk. An acct. of Lydia Tillinghast of £64..10/ Expence laid out on the Poor from Rhode Island was Presented approved of and Certified by a few lines to the meeting for Sufferings. Signd by the Clk

The Representative for Uxbridge last month not attending at that mo.ly meeting now Signify the Reason of their not attending was the difficulty of Travelling in the unusual deep Snow which Cause is Satisfactory.

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Our friends Moses Farnum George Comstock are desired to draw a Certificate for our Friend Abraham Griffith and bring to next m^ly meeting. The Epistle from our last Q^ly meet^g was read to Satisfaction.

Thomas Lapham Clerk.

At Our Monthly meeting of Friends held at Smithfield the 24th of 4th 2nd month 1780. The meet^g being conven^d. The Rep^ns appearing from the preparative meeting are From Smithfield Upper House Geo Smith & Jon^a Mowry. From Uxbridge Josiah Shove and James Smith. From Smithfield Lower House Thomas Arnold & David Steere.

Moses Farnum return^d the Certificate he had in the 11th m^o (to bear Abraham Griffith Company on a Religious visit in Salem Quarter) with an Indorsment thereon. also he bro^t a Certificate from Salem m^ly meeting Signifying their Satisfaction with his visit. the same were read to Satisfaction.

The friends to confer with Lovel Pulsepher, respecting his requesting the care of friends, Report that they have had an opportunity with him and think best that the same be refer^d till the 4th m^o. Therefore it is refer^d under the care of the Com^tee they then to report.

The friends appointed Report that the marriage of John Fulsom was consumated in an orderly manner.

One of the Com^tee concerning Aaron Southwick Report that they have several times endeavoured to get an opportunity with him, and it appeared that he tryed to keep out of their way. and that his mother hath informed him of his denial. Therefore the Com^tee is dismisk.

The Com^tee concerning Binj^a Howland, not having fulfil^d their appointm^t are continued for that Service. & to report when finished ~~in the 4th month next~~

George Comstock Reports that he hath had no acc^t from Richmond Respecting Jon^a Cass. Since last month. Therefore that matter is refer^d and George Comstock to Report to next monthly meeting.

It appearing that the Com^tee have not had further opportunity with Ruhr^d Buffum since last month. They are desired to fulfil their appointment and Report to next monthly meeting.

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1780 The friends concerning Burrying ground &c haveing not mett since last month by reason of the difficulty of travilling are desired to fulfill the appointment and Report this meeting in the 4th month next. 739

Three of the Comtee in the case of John Wing Report, to which the others agreed that they had visited him but did not find Encouragement enough to wait further on him, and this meeting feeling Clear to proceed to a deniel Do disown Unity with him as a member and George Comstock & Elisha Thornton are appointed to inform him thereof and his right of appeal and draw a Testimony of his deniel and Report to next monthly meeting.

Nathan Cass who lives at the Nine partners, and Huldah Cook appeared in this meeting and declared their Intentions of taking each other in marriage. The same ~~being~~ having been sent down from uxbridge Preparative meeting and he produceing a Certificate from the meeting he belongs to setting forth his Clearness in respect to marriage Engagements. They were desired to come to next monthly meeting ~~for an~~ Answer.

Asa Smith ought to be placed here

Elisha Southwick & Margaret Mosher, appeared in this meeting and declared their Intentions of taking each other in marriage and were desired to come to next monthly meeting for an Answer. And our Friends Moses Farnum & Elisha Thornton, are desired to enquire into his Clearness in that Respect and Report to next monthly meeting.

Asa Smith & Catharine Hare appr. & declared their Intentions of marriage whereupon Moses Farnum & Elisha Thornton are appr. to Inspect his clearness & Report to next monthly meeting.

The Comtee Respecting a monthly Collection, and the Comtee of men & Women friends Respecting a method to Support Female Friends are desired to meet and confer on them matters and Report their sense thereof to next monthly meeting.

The Comtee Respecting Benjamin Aldrich Report that they have visited him. But this meeting by conversing with the Comtee think it best that they pay Benjamin another visit. And Report to next moly meeting.

The Comtee to visit John Arnold Report that they have had an opportunity with him, and think best the matter be continued. Therefore the same is continued under the care of the Comtee. They to report to next monthly mtg.

The two matter from the lower House Referd last month Respecting overseers and Books are referd to next monthly meeting.

Smithfield upper house Preparative mettg, Informing that they have Subscribed and Directed their Clk to Deliver to the Treasurer 7/. 8½ in Silver & 3 Bushels corn which he reports he hath done.

1780 The friends appointed Presented a Certificate for our friend Abr.m
M.a Griffith Signifying his Service in the ministry and Discipline among
us were truly Acceptable. The same was Sign.d by the Clk.

The friends appointed to Inspect the Clearness of Samuel Rodman
Respecting marriage Engagements not having made the necessary
Inquiry are continued for the same And Report to next m.ly mgt.

Thomas Lipham Clerk

At Our Monthly meeting held at Smithfield the 30th of the
3d month 1780. The meet.g being cond.d The Repr.s from the Prepar.y meet.gs are
From Smithfield Upper House Jabez Wing and Elisha Thornton.
From Uxbridge Daniel Aldrich & Richard Mowry.
From Smithfield Lower House, Thomas Heere & Daniel Anthony.

George Comstock Reports that he hath had no acc.t from Jonathan
Cass since last monthly meeting. Therefore that matter is refer.d George
Comstock to Report to next m.ly meet.g

The friends to Labour with Richard Buffum Report that they have
had an opportunity with him, and that he desired to be waited on longer
Therefore the same is refer.d under the care of the same friends they to report
to this meeting in the 5th month or sooner if necessary.

The Friends appointed presented a Testimony of John Wings deniel, and Report
that by Reason of his being gone to Richmond they have not inform.d him
as directed Therefore that matter is refer.d the Com.tee to Report to next
monthly meeting.

One of the friends to Inspect the Clearness of Asa Smith & Elisha
Southwick, Respecting marriage. Report that he with the other made
the necessary Inquiry and find nothing to hender their proceeding as
proposed last month.

Nathan Cass and Huldah Cook appeared in this meeting and Receive
their Answer in order for marriage. David Farnum & Elisha Thornton
are appointed to see the same Consumated, & Report to next m.ly meet.g

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Asa Smith and Katharine Steere appeared & hed their Answer in order for Marriage — Benjamin Arnold & Jonathan Arnold Junr are appointed to see the same Consumated — and Report to next monthly meeting —

Elisha Southwick and Margarett Mosher appeared and Received their Answer in order for marriage — Daniel Aldrich William Bassett are appointed to see the same consumated — & Report to next monthly mgt.

Joseph Bassett and Hannah Steere appeared in this meeting and declared their intentions of taking each other in marriage — and were desired to come to next monthly meeting for an Answer — Rufus Smith & Rufus Smith Junr are appointed to Inquire into his Clearness in them Respects — & Report to next monthly meeting —

Jaazaniah Barrett, and Rhode Read, appeared in this meeting and declared their Intentions of taking each other in marriage — and were desired to come to next monthly meeting for an Answer — David Farnum and Joseph Mosher, are appointed to Inquire into his clearness in them respects — and Report to next mly meeting —

The Comtee to consider of a monthly collection Report which is accepted and is as follows — We the Comtee to consider of a monthly collection &c have met and considered of the matter, and are of opinion that it would be well for friends to make a Collection once a Quarter — and that the Monthly meeting next after every Quarterly meeting, direct the sum necessary to be raised — and desire the Preparative meetings to contribute in their freedom towards the same

Thomas Steere	Thomas Lapham
Benjamin Arnold	David Buffum
Moses Farnum	Benja Smith —

The Comtee all but one to further Labour with Benjamin Aldrich Report that they have had another opportunity with Benjamin — and that he still refuses to make friends satisfaction for going contrary to friends rules in placing out his Children — and hath bound one from among friends besides the one mentioned in the complaint —

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Therefore this meeting hereby puts him from under the care of Friends as a member, and appoints David Farnum and William Bassett to inform him of his deniel and right of appeal and draw a Testimony of his deniel and Report to next mo'ly meetg.

The Comtee to point out a method to Support Poor women Friends made Report the same being read, and approved of is as follows.

We according to appointment have met and considered of the matter of taking care of such Females as are considered poor of Society, and are of opinion, that the women as occasion requires, Subscribe in their freedom, or at least such widows and other Single women, that have where with, towards the Expences of the monthly meeting, and the same to be put in the mens Treasury, and that they have recourse there to as the men have

Benjamin Smith — Elisabeth Sprague — Thomas Steere
Martha Comstock — Elisha Thornton — David Farnum
Oziel Wilkinson

The Comtee all but one to Labour with John Arnold Report that they have had another opportunity with him, and that he still appears not in a State Suitable to make Satisfaction, Respecting the matters complain'd of al tho he confest he was guilty of the same.

Therefore this meeting hereby disowns unity with him and puts him from under the care of Friends as a member and appoints Tho Lapham Benjamin Smith & Daniel Anthony to inform him of his deniel and right of appeal and draw a Testimony of his Deniel and report to next monthly meeting.

One of the Friends to inform Benjamin Howland Report that they have inform'd him and the Testimony of his deniel being read and approved was Signed by the Clerk and lodged on file.

The matter Respectg Overseers is again Refer'd to next mo'ly mgt and that Respecting Books this meeting desires the Preparative meetings and all friends having monthly meetings Books in their hands, to return the same to the monthly meetings Librarian at or before next monthly meeting.

One of the friends appointed Report that he hath made the necessary Inquiry and find not but Samuel Rodman is clear

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of any marriage engagement among us. Thereupon this meeting Certified the same by a few lines Directed to Nantucket monthly meeting signed by the Clk.

Smithfield upper House preparative meeting informing that Adam Harkness Junr. and Jonathan Hart proposes moving out of the verge of this monthly meeting and desires friends advice and approbation

Our Friends Asher Smith George Comstock Jacob Lindley David Buffum are appointed to confer with them upon the subject and Report to next monthly meeting.

The Lower House preparative meeting informing that Abraham Parker hath removed to Newport and desires a Certificate.

Thereupon our friends Caleb Greene, and Daniel Anthony are appointed to Inspect his Circumstances and report to next monthly meetg.

Gardener Earll mentioning in this meeting that he has thoughts of moving to the Nine partners monthly meeting, and desires friends advice therein. Our friends Thomas Steere, Benjamin Lindley Jabez Wing and Joseph Mosher, are appointed to advise with him and Report there sense thereof to next monthly meeting.

The Women Inform that they have Disowned Martha Cornell formerly Martha Thornton.

This meeting Indorsed a few lines on the Back of a Certificate Isaac Howland bro't from Sandwich mthly meeting. Signifying that his conduct was orderly while among us.

The Queries & Answers from the preparative meetings with general Answers composed there from were read. The general Answers approved of and inserted in the acct to the Quarterly meeting which being read is approved of and sign'd by the Clerks.

Thomas Steere Daniel Aldrich George Comstock & Samuel Fowler were named Representatives therein.

There being a hint of a Case in the Lower house preparative meeting. Inquiry of a young man keeping company with one under

1780 Under such Circumstances, as requires the advice of this meeting Therefore Elisha Thornton, George Smith, Jabez Wing & George Comstock are appointed to assist the overseers of said Preparative meeting and Report to next m^ly meeting.

Thomas Lapham Clk.

At Our Monthly meeting held at Smithfield the 27th of the 4th month 1780 The meeting being conven^d the Rep^ns from the prepar^ve m^gs are From Smithfield Upper House Rufus Smith & Jon^a Mowry From Uxbridge Antepas Earll and David Farnum From Smithfield Lower House Joseph Randall & Augustus Lapham

A Certificate from Sandwich monthly meeting dated 3^d of the 12th month last, Recommending Luke Killey to the care of this meeting was read and accepted

The matter Referd the Second month last Respecting Lovell Pulsepher's Requesting the care of Friends being read, and it appears the Com^tee have neglected their appointment. Therefore they are desired to fulfil the same, and our friends David Buffum and Adam Harkness are desired to assist them and they to report to next monthly meeting

John Eddy who requested the care of friends at Uxbridge Preparative meeting appearing in this meeting and still requesting the same our Friends George Smith, Thomas Lapham, William Buffum & Daniel Aldrich are appointed to take a solid opportunity with him concerning the motive of his Request and Suitableness of being a member of our Society and report to next monthly meeting

George Comstock Reports that he hath had no further acc^t from Jon^a Cass. Therefore his desired to Inform the meeting when he receives an acc^t from him

The Epistle from the last Quarterly meeting was read to satisfaction

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4th m.d. The friends appointed Report that they have Informed John Hong according to appointment — and the Testimony of his deniel being presented was read and some alterations made is approved of & Signd by the Clerk, and ordered to be lodged on file —

The several Comtees appointed last monthly meeting to see the marriages then approved of consumated — Report that they were consumated in a good degree orderly —

The friends appointed to Inquire into the Clearness of Joseph Bassett and Jaazaniah Barrett Respecting marriage — Report that they find nothing to hender their Proceeding — as proposed last monthly meeting —

Wherefore Joseph Bassett and Hannah Steere appeared, and received their Answer in order for marriage — and David Buffum & Rufus Smith are appointed to see the same consumated — and report to next monthly meeting —

Also Jaazaniah Barrett and Rhoda Read appeared and received their answer in order for marriage — David Farnum and Joseph Mosher are appointed to see the same consumated & Report to next mly meeting —

Job Scott and Eunice Anthony appeared in this meeting and declared their intentions of taking each other in marriage — the same having been laid before the Preparative meeting — They were desired to come to next monthly meeting for an Answer — Thomas Lapham & Thomas Arnold are appointed to Inquire into his Clearness in that Respect — and Report to next mly meeting —

The friends appointed Report that they have Informed Benjamin Aldrich according to appointment — and the Testimony of his deniel being Read was approved of and signd by the Clk and ordered to be lodged on file

The friends appointed inform that they have informd John Arnold as desired — The Testimony of his deniel being read is approved of and signd by the Clerk — and ordered to be lodged on file —

The matter concerning appointing overseers is again referd to next monthly meeting —

The monthly meetings Librarian being absent — The matter concerning books is referd to the Consideration of next monthly meetg

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The friends appointed Report that they think it may be best for Jonathan Hart to remove to Dartmouth as proposed — And that Adam Harkness Junr. Circumstances are such that they think it warrantable for him to look out for another settlement taking the advise of friends, where he shall go concerning his undertaking —

The friends appointed Report that they have Inspected the Circumstances of Abraham Barker and dont find but he hath settled his outward affairs to Satisfaction — There upon this meeting gave a Certificate recommending him to the care of Rhode Island monthly meeting —

The Comtee. to advise Gardner Earll Report — That they did not ~~advise~~ Incourage him to move — Adviseing him to confer ~~with~~ further with friends before he proceeded far in that matter — Therefore the Comtee. is desired to further advise as they may think best —

The Comtee. appointed Report as hich is accepted & is as follows

We of the Comtee. appointed to Consider of the State of Burial grounds at the several meeting places &c — have met considered and conferd. upon the matters — and think it best there be a Lot Purchased near Providence Meeting house, if one can be had — and that at Uxbridge we think it best that about two acres of land be bought and fenced on the East side of the Road that goes by the meeting House, adjoining said Road — If the owner Moses Farnum is willing to sell it — and that the meeting house Lot be not fenced at present — and that there be an addition to the lot at Smithfield upper House — and we have considered of the Request of Benjamin Gaskill Respecting his child's being taken under the care of friends — and find no objection against its being granted — Jabez Wing — Rufus Smith — David Raffum — Amasa Gray Daniel Anthony Ozeel Wilkinson

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1780 Our Friends Rufus Smith, Moses Brown, and Daniel Aldrich are appointed to Bargain for land at the several places, for said purpose. They advising with friends and this meeting as often as occation may require.

This meeting concludes to raise £15 hard money for the use of the monthly meeting and Recommends to the Preparative meetings to contribute in their freedom and send an acct to next monthly meeting.

Uxbridge Preparative informing that George Crane desires a Certificate to Swanzy monthly meeting. Thereupon Benedict Arnold & William Buffum are appointed to inquire into his Circumstances and draw a Certificate and bring to next monthly meeting.

The Friends appointed to assist the overseers of the Lower House Preparative meeting not having done said service are continued for the same and Report to next monthly meeting.

Thomas Lapham Clk

At Our Monthly meeting of friends held at Smithfield the 25th of 5th month 1780. The meets being conven. The Repr. appearing from the prepar. meets are From Smithfield Upper House David Buffum & Joseph Comstock.
From Uxbridge Thomas Owen & David Farnum.
From Smithfield lower House Thomas Arnold & Thomas Lapham.

Several Friends having some of the expressions of our deceased Friend Jonathan Farnum in the time of his last sickness minuted down.

This meeting some time past desired them to make a Collection thereof and bring to the meeting. They having proceeded therein and laid the same before this meeting which being read our Friends Thomas Steen George Comstock, Thomas Lapham Elisha Thornton Job Scott, David Buffum, Thomas Arnold, Moses Brown and Adam Harkness are appointed to examine the same and make such alterations and additions as may appear best.

Also draw a Testimony of our deceased Friend Moses Farnum and Report to the meeting when they have accomplished the same not exceeding three months.

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The Comtee to Treat with Lovel Pulsepher, Report that they have had a Conferance with him, and think best that he drop his Request at Present. Therefore that matter is dismist.

The Womens meeting inform that they have put Sarah Salsbury (formerly Howland) and Rhoda Harris (formerly Lapham) from under the care of Friends as members.

Also that they have accepted Amy Gaskill (wife of Benjamin) under our care.

The Comtee to Treat with John Eddy desiring that matter to be continued the same is referd the Comtee to report to next mthly meeting.

The Comtee appointed Report that by Enquiry they find nothing to hinder Job Sott from proceeding in marriage with Eunice Anthony.

They appearing received their Answer in order for marriage.

Benja Arnold & Caleb Greene are appointed to see the same consumated and Report to next monthly meeting.

The friends appointed Report that the marriages of Joseph Bassett and Jaazaniah Barrett were consumated in a good degree orderly. — Note Joseph Mosher did not attend by reason of lamness.

The matter of reappointing overseers, is again Referd to the consideration of next monthly meeting by Reason of the days being far spent.

Also the matter Respecting Books is again referd to next mthly meetg.

The Comtee to advise Gardner Earll Report that they have had a Conferance with him and do not find freedom to advise him to move at Present. But Gardner not being easy to give up the matter. The Comtee with Joseph Bussum Jona Arnold Thomas Owen, David Shepherd & Rufus Smith added to them, are continued to further advise as may appear best. And Report to next mthly meeting.

The upper House Prepar meetg Inform that they subscribed £3..16..1 in hard money and 4 Bushels of Corn & one of Rye.

Uxbridge Eleven Bushels of Corn, and — — — 2..5..0

The Lower House — — — 7..8..0

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5th m. The friends appointed Report that they find nothing to hender George Crane from moving to Swanzy monthly meeting. Thereupon a Certificate setting forth his affairs being settled to Satisfaction his Life and conversation being in a good degree orderly was approved of & Sign^d by the Clk.

The friends to assist the Overseers of the Lower House preparative meeting. Report that they have not all been on that business. the same is refer^d for them to fulfil their appointment. and Report to next m^ly meeting.

The matter Respect^g Bachard Buffum is still continued under the care of the Com^tee. They to report to next monthly meeting.

Smithfield Upper House House preparative meeting informing that Isaac Chase is keeping company in order for marriage contrary to the good order of friends. and by reports some other parts of his life and Conversation has been very unbecoming a friend. Thereupon Jacob Arnold Samuel Aldrich George Arnold & Lawrance Southwick Junr. are appointed to Labour with him in them Respects. and Report to next monthly meeting.

Uxbridge Preparative meeting informing that Seth Gifford, hath bro^t Reproach on the Truth & friends by selling dead Refuse of Cyder for meal with Cyder & water for good Cyder. and Endeavoured to deceive in the Quantity that he sold. Whereupon our friends George Smith, Samuel Fowler, Rufus Smith Annamas Mowry Junr. & Jacob Arnold. are appointed to Labour with him for his recovery. and the Clearing of Truth. & Report to next monthly meeting.

Uxbridge preparative meeting also, Informing that Caleb Buffum hath conducted Reproachfully in many respects, particularly in refusing the advice of his Parents & Friends and frequented Taverns and Endeavoured to Justify the frequent use of Spirituous Liquors. and fel into contention with one of his neighbours and abused him and avoided plainness of speech and apparel and Neglected the attendance of meetings and having been Labour^d with gave little hopes of making satisfaction.

Thereupon our Friends Daniel Aldrich, Elisha Thornton & Benedict Arnold are appointed to Labour with him for his good and the clearing of Truth. and Report to next monthly meeting.

Also said meeting meeting Informs that the Executor & guardians of Lorenthum Farnum's Children and Estate are Deceased and desire the Monthly meeting

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Care there in — Therefore this meeting appoints Moses Brown David Buffum & David Farnum — to inquire into the Circumstances, and Confer with the persons, and Relations, concerned — and Report to next monthly meeting —

This meeting approves of an acct. Presented by Amasa Gray — for necessaries Delivered Elisabeth & Philadelphia Sims Poor from Rhode Island, amounting to £ 3 . 2 . 8 . hard money —

Also an acct. Presented by Caleb Greene of £ 5 . 18 . 6 . hard mony for House rent for the above said women — both acct. were certified to the meeting for sufferings —

Thomas Lapham Clk.

At Our monthly meeting of Friends held at Smithfield the 29th. of the 6th. month 1780 The meeting being convent. The Repr. from the Prepar. meetg. are

From Smithfield Upper House Adam Harkness and Wm. Buffum —

From Uxbridge Samuel Fowler,

From Smithfield Lower House Benja. Arnold & Benja. Smith.

Benedict Rememington produced a Certificate of removeal from Greenwich mo. ly meeting dated 6th. mo. 1780 — which being read is accepted

By the Request of the Comtee. to treat with John Eddy that matter is referd. to next monthly meeting, they then to report —

The friends appointed Report that the marriage of Job Scott was according to their observation consumated in a degree orderly

The matter refer. to this meeting concerning reappointing Overseers, being considered — The former friends under that appointment are dismist. and George Comstock, William Buffum, David Farnum Joseph Mosher, David Wadsworth Augustus Lapham, Amasa Gray & Benja. Smith are appointed Overseers in this monthly meeting —

The matter Referd. to the consideration of this meeting, Respecting Boons being considered, and some Friends thinking some alterations in the Former Regulations might be useful — Therefore our Friends Moses Brown George Comstock, & Rufus Smith

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1780 are appointed to inspect that matter and Propose such alterations as they and additions as they may think best to next monthly meeting

The Com^tee to advise Gardner Earll Respecting moving Report that they have further inspected that matter, and tho^t best considering all circumstances to give him leave to move and this meeting being informed that he hath moved & desires a Certificate to Nine partners m^ly meeting Thereupon our friends David Wadsworth & Samuel Aldrich, are desired to Inquire how he hath settled his affairs and Report to next monthly meeting

A Certificate of Removal for Jonathan Hart, wife, and Daughter Martha Directed to Dartmouth monthly meeting was read approved of and Sign^d by the Clk^s of our Mens & Womens meeting

The friends appointed (except Samuel Aldrich who thro' indisposition did not attend) Report that they have Laboured with Isaac Chase, and he acknowledged that he was proceeding in marriage as complaind of. But the other Charges he denied and Endeavoured to Justify his conduct by saying friends Rules Respecting marriage were to strict

The com^tee also Inform^d that he is since married Therefore this meeting disowns unity with him and hereby puts him from under the care of Friends as a member and appoints Robert Wilkinson and Ananias Mowry Junr to Inform him of his deniel and Right of appeal and draw a Testimony of his deniel and Report to next m^ly meeting

The friends appointed Report that they have Laboured with Seth Gifford and that he confest the Charge against him Yet the Com^tee tho^t him not in a state Suitable to make Satisfaction and no friend mentioning a desire to further labour with him This meeting thinks best to proceed to a deniel Therefore he is hereby Disowned, and put from under the care of friends as a member until he shall make Satisfaction for the misconduct Charged against him

William Bassett & Asa Smith are desired to inform him of his deniel and right of appeal and draw a Testimony of his deniel and Report to next m^ly meeting

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The friends appointed to Labour with Caleb Buffum. Report that they have had an opportunity with Him, and think best that friends wait Longer on him. Therefore the same is referd under the care of the same Comtee. They to Report to next mtly meeting

The friends appointed. Report that they have made Inquiry Respecting the Circumstances of Jonathan Farnum's Children & Estate and think there is need of advice and care in that matter. Therefore the said Comtee is continued to take the necessary care and Elisha Thornton Thomas Owen Thomas Arnold & Thomas Lapham are desired to assist them and Report to next monthly meeting there proceedings therein

The Comtee to Labour with Richard Buffum, Report that they have again treated with him and that his conduct and Conversation is such that they have no Insurgement of his making satisfaction but as the former minutes on that matter are not present the same is referd to the consideration of next monthly meeting

Thomas Lapham Informs that he Hath left according to appointmt left a Copy of the Testimony of James Marsh's Deniel, with the Clk of Rhode Island Monthly meeting Directed to said meeting

The friends to assist the Lower House preparr meeting, Report by which It appears Needful to Write to Rhode Island Monthly meeting, desiring that meeting to Certify whether Abigail Earll daughter of David is a member of our Society or not. Accordingly a Letter was wrote approved of and Signd by the Clerk and directed to said meeting

The matter of difficulty being a member of our meeting making suit to the said Abigail Earll

The Queries with the Answers from the Prepar meetgs with ye General Answers Composed therefrom were read. The general Answers approved of and Inserted in the acct to the Quarterly meetg which being was read approved of & Signd by the Clerk. The Representatives therein mentioned are Tho Steere Benja Arnold & Baldrich Benja Smith Jona Arnold are appointed to Provide keeping for Horses at the Lower House for the ensuing Quarterly meetg

Thomas Lapham Clk

1780 At Our Monthly meet^g of Friends held at Smithfield the 27th of the 7th month 1780. The meeting being conven^d. The Rep^ts appear^g from the Prepar^ve meeting are From Smithfield upper House Jacob Arnold.
From Uxbridge Thomas Owen & William Bassett.
From Smithfield Lower House Benjamin Smith and Caleb Greene.

The Com^tee to treat with John Eddy Report, that they have had an opportunity with him and think his motive was Sincere in Requesting the care of friends and that it might be safe to grant the same. Therefore he is received under the care of Friends as a member.

The Epistles from the last Quarterly meeting with Transcripts from London and Philadelphia were read to good satisfaction. And the extracts mentioned in the Quarterly meeting Epistle were also read. and the Subject therein Respecting Schools is referd to the consideration of next monthly meeting.

And as said Quarterly meetings Epistle informs us, that the Yearly meeting has confirmd the Judgment of Rhode Island Quarterly meeting against Ebenezer Gaskill Therefore we appoint Thomas Lapham to read the Testimony of our Monthly meeting against him at the Close of our next monthly meeting for Worship.

And said Epistle Recommending a Subscription in freedom towards raising 100 £ hard money for the Yearly meetings Stock as recommended by the Yearly meeting. Therefore the Several ~~[illegible]~~ Preparative meetings are desired to Subscribe ~~in freedom~~ accordingly and send their subscriptions to our next monthly meeting.

A Certificate from Salem Monthly meeting Dated 15th last month Recommending Mary Jenkins (wife of Thomas) and Children whose names are Mary Matthew, Elisha, Frederick & Gilbert Elisabeth Thomas and Lydia Jenkins to the care of this meeting was read and accepted.

The Com^tee Respecting Books not being ready to report are desired to Report to next monthly meeting.

One of the Com^tee to Inquire how Gardner Earl settled his affairs before he moved away. Report that they have made some Inquiry and think best the matter be referd for further Inspections. Therefore the Com^tee is desired to make the necessary Inquiry and Report to this meeting in ~~next~~ the 9th month or sooner if accomplished.

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The friends appointed, report that they informed Isaac Chase according to appointment — and Presented a Testimony of his deniel which being read and approved of was Sign'd by the Clerk, after some Emendation.

Thomas Hazard Junr. and Anna Rodman appeared in this meeting and declared their Intentions of taking each other in marriage. They were desired to come to next monthly meeting for an Answer. He having Produced a Certificate from Sd. Kingston monthly meeting Signifying his Clearness of marriage Ingagements & consent of Parents.

An acct. of Lydia Tillinghast for Supplying the Poor from the Island. Having past the Audit amounting to £62 paper Currency being read and approved of was Certifyed to the mectg. for Sufferings.

The friends appointed Report that they have Informed Seth Gifford, according to appointment and the Testimony of his Deniel was read approved of & signed by the Clerk.

The friends to Labour with Caleb Buffum, not having all had an opportunity with him, are desired to fulfil their appointment and Report to next monthly meeting.

Most of the Comtee. Respectg. the Children & Estate of Jonathan Farnum Report by which it appears that further care is necessary Therefore the Comtee. is continued to have the Necessary care. and Report in the 10th month or sooner if Necessary.

The matter Respecting Richard Buffum is refer'd to next mthly meeting by reason that some of the former minutes, not being Present.

Smithfield Upper House Preparative meeting Informing that the Select meeting thinks so favourable of David Buffums Publick Testimony, that it may be best for this meeting to signify their Unity there with to the Quarterly meeting. The same is refer'd to the consideration of next monthly meeting.

Smithfield Upper House preparative meeting Proposing a reappointment of visiters. The same is Refer'd to next monthly meeting.

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Rec^d two Certificates, Dated first month last one from Berwick the other from Almsbury monthly meeting signifying their Satisfaction with the Labours of Moses Farnum, in his late visit among them

The Certificate sent from this to Swanzy Monthly meeting Dated 29 of the 7th month 1779 on behalf of David Brayley and Wife being returnd from said meeting with a Letter from them Dated 3d Instant containing reasons of their non acceptance thereof This meeting appoints our friends Amasa Gray & Daniel Anthony to conclude what course is best next to be taken in that matter And if another Certificate appears necessary as the next step that they then draft one and Report to next m^ly meeting

We appoint our friends Daniel Anthony to Read the Testimony of John Arnold's Deniel at the Close of a meeting for Worship at Providence

Benedict Arnold to read that against Benjamin Aldrich at the Close of a meeting at Uxbridge

and David Steere to read that against Benjamin Howland at the close of a meeting at Scituate & Report to next monthly meeting

It appearing likely that about 9 pounds hard money will soon be wanted for the expences of the Monthly meeting It is recommended to the several preparative meetings That they Subscribe in their freetom and send to the Treasurer

Thomas Lapham Clk

At Our Monthly meet^g of friends held at Smithfield the 31st of the 8th month 1780 The meet^g being Conveend The Representatives from ye prepar^ve meet^gs are From Smithfield Upper House Adam Harkness and Jacob Bartlet
From Uxbridge Daniel Aldrich & Amos Baker
From Smithfield Lower House Benjamin Smith & Nathaniel Walker

Our Friend John Lloid Attended this meeting on a Religious Visit His Certificate from a Monthly meeting held at Guyneed in the County of Philadelphia in Pensylvania the 25th of the 4th month 1780 was read to good Satisfaction

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The women's meeting Informing that Pink Harris a Negroe woman in a state of Slavery Hath requested the care of Friends They having inspected the matter, and desire this meetings advice respecting granting said request. There upon this meeting appoints Thomas Steere, George Smith Rufus Smith & David Farnum, to Join a Comtee of the Womens meeting and consider of the circumstances attending. And Report their sense thereof to next monthly meeting.

Thomas Hazard Junr and Anna Rodman appeared in this meeting and continued their Intentions of taking each other in marriage, the meeting finding nothing to hender their proceeding. do appoint our friends Antepas Earll & Samuel Fowler, to see the same consumated & Report to next monthly meeting.

Benedict Remington and Ruth Southwick, daughter of Daniel appeared in this meeting and Declared their Intentions of taking each in marriage. Our Friends George Comstock and Elisha Thornton are appointed to inquire into his clearness in that respect. And report to next monthly meeting.

Benjamin Pearce and Abigail Buffum appeared in this meeting and declared their intentions of taking each other in marriage. Our friends George Arnold & George Comstock are appointed to inquire into his clearness in that Respect and Report to next monthly meeting.

Richard Dame and Abigail Read appeared in this meeting and declared their Intentions of taking each other in marriage. Whereupon they were referd to next monthly meeting for an Answer.

Also Levi Arnold and Lydia Harris appeared in this meeting and declared their Intentions of taking each other in marriage. Our Friends Thomas Steere & Thomas Lapham are appointed to Inquire into his clearness in that Respect. And Report to next monthly meeting.

N B these several Proposals came regularly from the preparative meetings.

The Comtee Respecting books made Report the same being read is Referd to next mthly meeting for their Consideration.

Some of the Comtee Respecting Calab Buffum Report that several of them

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1780 have visited him & find but little encouragement of his making satisfaction
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The matter respecting Richard Buffum was again considered and several of the former minutes being read — nothing appearing but that the meeting may properly proceed to a deniel agreeable to the Report of the Comtee in the 6th month last that they had "no encouragement of his making satisfaction" and no friend manifesting a desire to have a further opportunity with him.

This meeting denies unity with him as a member — and appoints our friends George Comstock and Asa Smith — to inform him of his deniel — and right of appeal — and draw a Testimony of his deniel — and Report to next m.ly meetg.

The Testimony of Ebenezer Gaskill's deniel was read at the conclusion of the meeting for worship this day according to appointment —

The meeting adjourns to the 10th hour to morrow morning —

1st of the 9th m.o the meetg met by adjournment — The Representatives being called were all present — Except one who soon after came in —

The Comtee appointed in the 5th month to Examine the Testimony concerning Jonathan Farnum Deceased, and make alterations and additions as might appear best to them — having proceeded accordingly and laid it before this meeting — But some Friends being doubtful about making a president at this Time of ~~making~~ Issuing publick Testimonies of private friends — and there appearing to divers friends equal Use to Posterity to have Individuals who were acquainted with him in his sickness — or others to make and sign such Testimonies as they may think proper — And Transmitt the same to Posterity in the Dying sayings of Friends — The meeting dismisses that matter — Said Comtee also presented a Testimony concerning Moses Farnum which being read, with some additions and alterations made was approved of, and Signd by the Clerk — and ordered to be Recorded and sent up to the Quarterly meeting — The same is as

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288 A Testimony from the Monthly Meeting of Smithfield concerning Moses Farnum. He was born in Uxbridge the 25. of the then 8th m.o 1730. his Parents names were Moses and Abigail Farnum who at the time of his birth were in the Profession and communion of the Presbyterians so called; but through divine favour were afterwards convinced of the Truth as Proffessed by the People called Quakers, and were Zealously concerned to Educate their Children Agreeable there to; which through divine Blessing was greatfully Remembered by this our Friend to his lasting advantage; Nevertheless it appears he was remiss in attention to the reproofs of instruction while young and tho.t lightly of friends, till about the 10th year of his age, when a meeting was held at his Fathers House; He being out doors in a carless and disrespectful way towards friends perceiving others without drawup to the House, as tho, something was ~~[illegible]~~ spoke within, he drew up likewise, & friend a friend in Supplication, particularly for his Fathers Family which so reach'd his understanding, that he dare not afterwards speak lightly of friends. Notwithstanding, which and the repeated visitations he aterwards had, He made but little progress in Religion until sometime after he was married, and had several Children; when he became more and more obedient to the Teachings of Truth; and became useful in Society, and making a good improvment with the talent received about the 40th year of his age the Lord was pleased to committ unto him a measure of the Gospel, to dispense: Upon the entering into which service he was deeply baptized under a humbling sense of the weight of the work, and often appeared usually affected when in meetings under the influence thereof. He was short but comprehensive in Publick Testimony, a close reprover of backsliders, Yet to the sincere heavy laden Travelers his words drout like Oyl to their great comfort & Incouragement.

And at times he was much favoured in Supplication. He was ready to Indite in a short and Comprehensive way and had an valent gift and

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And was very extensively useful in the Discipline of the Church, and altho he had a large share of Natural understanding capable of extensive Argumentation yet he was seldom known to engage in doubtful disputations. But on the Contrary, when matters in meetings of business were carried on too much in the wisdom of this world, He Knowing a Subjection of the Creaturely will in himself, was often observed to set as with a bridle upon his tongue, until Truth opened the way, and then simply speaking his feeling in the Authority of Truth; matters often ended to General Satisfaction. He was a steady attender of meetings, and a good example therein, in humbly waiting for divine assistance; which he often recommended to others in publick Testimony, as being the alone way to renew their strength. He was a kind and loving Husband; a tender careful and affectionate Father; keeping his Family steady to meetings; and careful to bring them up in plainness of Speach behaviour, and apparel; and in the frequent reading the Scriptures, and other good books.

He oft times called his family together; and sat with them in Silence, and some times gave them council as Truth opened the way; that which rendered him still more aimable in the view of his friends, and is an evident mark of true discipleship; he was ready to be advised, and therein showed his love for the Brethern; which some despise to their own unspeakable Loss, and the disunion and division of Society. He was useful and well beloved among his Neighbours, having a disposition of mind and qualifications, which rendered his company and conversation comfortable and instructive.

He was a very useful Instrument in obtaining the freedom of the Poor injured Africans, and became so deeply concerned in behalf of real Liberty; that for several years before his death, he declined the use of such goods, as he knew to be the Product of the Labour of Slaves.

He was a very steady attender of the Quarterly & Yearly meetings he belonged to - and travelled considerable within the same; Visiting monthly meetings in company with friends of Committees and otherwise; He visited most of the Families in his own monthly meeting, and some of them several times over, to the good Satisfaction of Friends, having an Excelent gift therein; in which as well as his other Labours, he was fervently engaged for the Children and

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Youth of this generation, Usefully gaining their affections.

About the forepart of the year 1779. He manifested a concern to visit friends of Pensylvania, having had a prospect thereof for several years, which he laid before the Elders of his own Monthly Meeting, who concuring therewith as did the monthly, and Quarterly meetings to which he belongs; and having a Certificate for the same, and an agreeable companion for the visit, he set forward and was at the yearly meeting at Philadelphia and visited divers adjacent meetings in Pensylvania; also visiting meetings by the way, and return'd home well satisfied with his visit, as also were friends where he went; as appeared by the Certificates he produced from them. After making a short stay at home he acquainted us of his having drawings on his mind, to make another visit to Friends of Salem Quarterly meeting, the which he also had a previous prospect of; and having a Certificate he went in company with our Esteemed friend Abraham Griffith from Pensylvania, which proved a laborous Journey being winter and abundance of Snow. Nevertheless he performed his visit to the satisfaction of Friends; and returned in the latter part of winter through great hardship in the Snow and Cold, which was thought to hurt his constitution; together with the hardships afterward, in attending meetings at home going much on foot through extream cold and roads Impassable for Horses; by Reason of Snow; so that once or twice he almost gave out as thinking whether he must not perish by the way yet it did not appear but that he remained comfortable, till the latter part of the 3d month 1780 about which time he was observed to fail though himself was sensible of it some time before, but did not at first mention it even to his wife in hopes he might mend without discovering the same to her greif in a difficult Circumstance, Yet the disorder increasing which appeared to be of the appoplectick kind he made it known, which disorder so affected his speach, that it grew difficult for him to converse Yet in the fore part of his Illness he was able to converse so much

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(being in a sweet composed frame of mind) as to convey a satisfactory account, of diverse things, relative to himself and others, and by signs and words till near his last — Soon after he appeared unwell a Friend lifting and speaking of the disorder to him, mentioned the numbpalsy — He said Appoplectick, and said he thought he should not get well tho perhaps better and friends might speak freely to him of his disorder; and being asked after the state of his mind, He said he had had to view several things over that had been in the Course of his life, wherein he had missed it — which he had known all done away, so that nothing but Peace, and quiet of mind remained; — which he said Friends might understand — which fully appeared by his patient resignation through the whole course of his Illness. in the fore part of which perceiving his speech to fail he had his family together, and spoke much to them in a heart tendering manner telling them to this purpose that he had said and done a great deal for them sincerely for their good, and tho' they had too much disregarded his Fatherly care towards them; and was favour'd to speak to them in such a manner that it wrought much upon them, and he told them he desired they might remember the care and pains he had taken for them, and live in love one with another — and be loving and obedient to their Mother in Law Who he beleived had been made his companion through Divine appointment —

A few days after he and his Wife being pretty much alone had much conversation on divers Subjects; Some of which respected the Dealing with some, and admonishing others, who stood forward in society — at which Dealing, and admonition there had been uneasiness with some; being asked whether he remained of the same mind respecting the Propriety and Justice thereof — He answered yes he was fully satisfied therein —

As he had born a Testimony against War and Blood shed by refusing for some time to pay the Taxes assessed for the Support thereof — a friend visiting him asked whether he remained of the same mind respecting that matter he answered yes — and on asking him if he beleived said Testimony would arise into Dominion he emphatically answered yes, O yes.

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A friend Visiting him who had been considerably admonished respecting his Publick Testimony, and paying but little regard there to he was concerned to speak his mind to him in that respect, And told him he looked upon it a great thing, to disregard the advice of the greatest and most weighty part of Friends; and desired he might take their advice.

His Wife being in travil and very Ill he was much concerned that those about her might conduct soberly, and be as still as possible; from a sense as appeared, That Women on such occations, are too apt to be unguarded in Conversation — Which useful hint We hope may be attended to —

About two days before his decease, feeling himself draw near a Conclusion he took his Solemn, and final farewel of his Family (at which Time his understanding appeared clear, and he a little revived) Taking them by the hand as well as others present, with the appearance of a mind Truly sensible of the weight and nature of such a parting being unable of Speaking more than Jest yes and no at this Time so gradually failing till near the last when falling into a sleep; so remained till he breathed his last with out sigh or graan, or Struggle, on the 9th day of the 5th month 1780. And was deceantly buried in friends burying ground, on the 11th following in Uxbridge On which Occation there was a large concourse of Friends and others —

Thiss Concluded Time with a Valient in the Lords cause Who we doubt not is now at rest in a manshion of Glory —

Signd in and on behalf of the said Monthly meeting held by adjournment at Smithfield the 1st of the 9th month 1780 —

Thomas Lapham Clk.

A Certificate for our Esteemed Friend John Lloyd Signifying our satisfaction with his company and Service among us Directed to the Monthly meeting he belong'd to was approvd of and Signd by the Clk —

The matter of David Buffums Publick appearance being opened before this meeting and several friends speaking their minds freely

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8 mo. The womens meeting having Signifyed their approbation. It appears to be the sense of this meeting that the said appearance be approved of, Therefore it is approved of and ordered to be Certified in the Acct. to the next Quarterly meeting.

The matter of Reappointing visiters is again referd. to ~~next~~ the consider of next monthly meeting. The Clerk is desired to bring the minute of the former appointment.

~~Thomas Lapham Clk.~~

It appearing that it might be useful for a Comtee. to be appointed to visit the particular meetings belonging to this monthly meeting Thereupon Elisha Thornton, Oziel Wilkinson, Robert Wilkinson, Daniel Aldrich, Thomas Lapham & Moses Brown, with such other friends as have a Concern for the Service are appointed to visit said meetings and to advise and assist friends either in a meeting Capacity, or in their families or privately as truth may lead for the promotion of Love and unity, and faithfulness in the various Branches of our Christian Testimony. And report to this meeting in the 11th month next or sooner if necessary.

The friends appointed in the case of David Brayley's Certificate not having fully compleated said Service are desired to fulfil the same and report to next Monthly meeting.

Daniel Anthony David Steere & Bendict Arnold, Report that they read the Several Testimonies of denial according to appointment.

The matter concerning Schools is again, referd to the consideration of next monthly meeting.

A Certificate from Sº Kingston Mo.ly meetg dated 31st of last month Recommending Joseph Congdon, wife, and Children (viz) Phebe, Sarah Jonathan, Joshua, Caleb, Isaac, William and Mary Congdon, as member of our Society to our care, with an Information that he was a member of the Select meeting while among them. The same being Read is accepted.

Smithfield upper house preparative meeting, informing that James Buffum proposes to move to Salem, And Desires friends advice therein. Thereupon Elisha Thornton, & Thomas Lapham, are desired to advice with him and Inquire into his Circumstances & Report to next monthly meetg.

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Said Prepar.ve meetg also Informing that Mendon meeting house wants some repairing, There upon Samuel Aldrich, George Smith, Seth Killey Benjamin Arnold & William Buffum, are appointed to repair said House and report when finished.

Uxbridge Prepar.ve meeting Informing that Samuel Rodman, desires a Certificate of removal to Nantucket, There upon George Comstock & Antepast Earll, are desired to Inquire into his Circumstances, and draft a Certificate — and Report to next monthly Meeting.

Said Meeting also Informing that Israel Aldrich (son of Benjamin) hath gone into many wrong things, as attending a Training, taking up Arms and going as a Soldier in the war. Where upon Asa Smith, Jaazaniah Barrett & Samuel Fowler, are appointed to Labour with him for said conduct — and report to next monthly meeting.

Also said Meeting Informing that Asa Aldrich Proposes to move with his family some distance from any meeting of friends, and desires friends advice therein — The same is referd. to the Inspection & consideration of the comtee. this day appointed to visit the particular Meetings and they to report to this meetg in the 11th. mo. or sooner if necessary.

Smithfield upper house prepar.ve meetg Inform that they have raised for the Use of the Monthly meeting — L. 3 . 6 . 0
and Smithfield Lower house for said use ..... 3 . 11 . 0
and for yearly meeting Stock ... L. 5 . 4 s. 3 d.

Thomas Lapham Clk